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AT CHRISTMAS TIME

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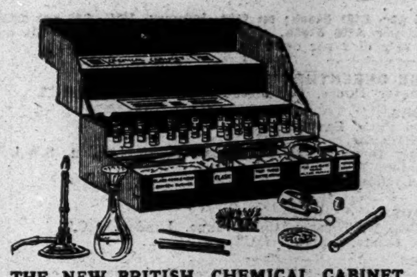

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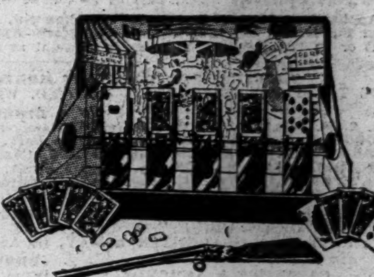

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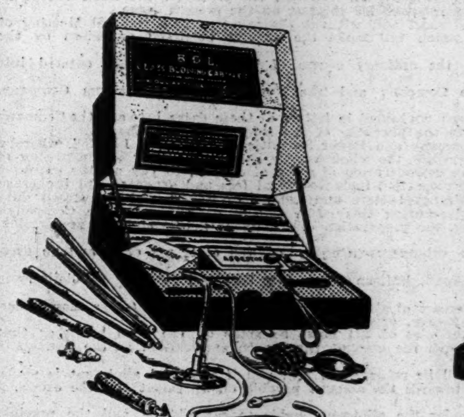

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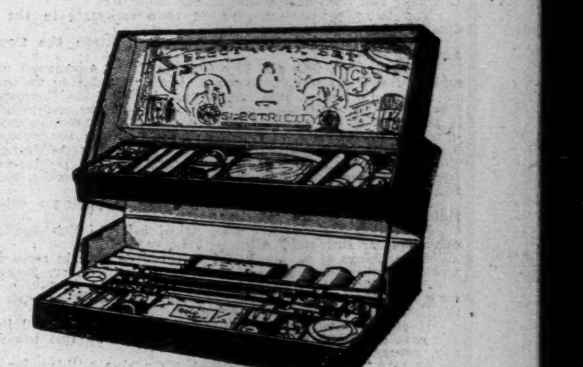

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A copy of this Prospectus has been delivered for registration to the Registrar of Companies. Application will be made in due course to the Stock Exchange, London, for permission to deal in the Stock now offered, and for a quotation.

THE BRITISH ALUMINIUM CO., LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908.)

SHARE CAPITAL.

Authorised.		Issued.
£1,200,000	in 1,200,000 6 per cent. Preference Shares of £1 each (cumulative as from 1st January, 1931)	£1,000,000
£1,200,000	in 1,200,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	£1,001,034
£2,400,000		£2,001,034

There are issued and outstanding £745,600 Prior Lien Debentures and £491,909 Debenture Stock. Notices have been given to redeem the said £745,600 Prior Lien Debentures on 30th June, 1931, at 105 per cent. and the said £491,909 Debenture Stock on 31st December, 1930, at 110 per cent., and these will be redeemed accordingly.

ISSUE OF £2,500,000 FIVE PER CENT. FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURE STOCK AT 98½ PER CENT.

Interest on the Stock is payable half-yearly on 1st January and 1st July in every year.

The first payment of interest will be made on 1st July, 1931, calculated on the amounts payable on application and allotment from the date of allotment and on the remaining instalments from the due dates of payment thereof respectively.

The Stock will be redeemable by the yearly operation of an accumulative sinking fund of 1 per cent. per annum commencing in the year 1936, to be applied in the purchase of Stock on the market at or under par, exclusive of accrued interest but inclusive of costs of purchase, or in the redemption at par of Stock to be selected by drawings. Any Stock not previously redeemed will be repayable at par on 1st January, 1973.

Power will be reserved to the Company on giving not less than three months' previous notice to redeem the whole or any part (to be ascertained by drawings) of the outstanding Stock on 1st January, 1936, or on any date thereafter up to and including 1st January, 1951, at 103 per cent., or on any date thereafter at par. The Stock will also be repayable at 103 per cent. in the event of it becoming repayable at any time up to and including 1st January, 1951, by reason of the Company going into voluntary liquidation.

The Stock will be constituted by a Trust Deed in favour of The Trustees Corporation Limited, as Trustees, and will be secured (after redemption of the existing Prior Lien Debentures and Debenture Stock) by a first specific charge upon all the freehold and leasehold properties of the Company and a first floating charge upon the rest of the assets so far as legally possible, including the uncalled capital (if any), and upon the undertaking of the Company. The Company will covenant not to create any mortgage or charge upon any of its assets ranking in priority to or *pari passu* with the said floating charge securing the Stock, except charges upon any after acquired property for the purpose of securing or raising the purchase price of such property or any part thereof, and except charges in favour of bankers and others created in the ordinary course of business.

The Trust Deed will reserve power to the Company at any time and from time to time to create and issue further Stock to an aggregate nominal amount not exceeding £2,500,000 ranking *pari passu* as to security and in all other respects with the Stock now being issued. Upon the issue of any such further Stock the amount of the sinking fund shall be increased to an amount calculated to redeem the whole of the Stock then outstanding by 1st January, 1973.

WESTMINSTER BANK, LTD., Head Office, 41, Lothbury, London, E.C.2, and branches, and GLYN, MILLS & CO., 42, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C.3, and branches,

are authorised, as Bankers for and on behalf of the Company, to receive applications for the above-mentioned First Mortgage Debenture Stock, payable as follows:—

On Application, £10 per £100 Stock; on Allotment, £15 per £100 Stock; on 12th January, 1931, £35 per £100 Stock; on 2nd March, 1931, £38 10s. per £100 Stock—£98 10s. per £100 Stock. Payment in full may be made on allotment or on 12th January, 1931, under discount at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum.

TRUSTEES FOR THE FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURE STOCKHOLDERS.
THE TRUSTEES CORPORATION LIMITED, Winchester House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.2.

DIRECTORS.
LT.-COL. S. H. POLLEN, C.M.G. (Chairman), Hammerwood Park, East Grinstead, Sussex.
R. W. COOPER, M.C. (Vice-Chairman), Tackley Park, Oxfordshire.
W. MURRAY MORRISON, M.Inst.C.E., M.I.E.E. (Managing Director), 137, Whitehall Court, London, S.W.1.
W. B. ROMMEL, 10, Welbeck House, Wigmore Street, London, W.1.
E. E. SAWYER, M.Inst.C.E., 26, Lancaster Gate Terrace, London, W.2.
A. J. HUGH SMITH, 74, Portland Place, London, W.1.

SOLICITORS.
To the Company—ASHURST, MORRIS, CRISP & CO., 17, Throgmorton Avenue, London, E.C.2.
To the Trustees—SLAUGHTER & MAY, 18, Austin Friars, London, E.C.2.

BROKERS.
CAZENOVE & AKROYDS, 10, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.2, and Stock Exchange.
BELL, COWAN & CO., 22, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh.
PARSONS, MACLACHLAN & MILLER, 11, Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow, C.1.

AUDITORS.
CREWDSON, YOUATT & HOWARD, 70a, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.2.

SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE.
G. W. JEFFERY, F.C.I.S., Adelaide House, King William Street, London, E.C.4.

Applications from Shareholders, Prior Lien Debenture Holders and Debenture Stockholders registered at the date of this prospectus, if made on the special form provided, will receive special consideration.

The Company was incorporated in 1910 to acquire the undertaking of a Company of the same name which was incorporated in 1894, and for the purposes of the establishment of hydro-electric undertakings, the production and working of aluminium and its alloys, the winning and working of minerals and other allied and incidental purposes.

The Company is one of the largest producers of aluminium in the world and the only large producer of the metal in the British Isles. Its business thus constitutes an important National Industry.

The world's production of aluminium has increased rapidly, and it is estimated that in the year 1900 it amounted to 5,000 tons per annum, in 1920 to about 150,000 tons, and in 1929 to approximately 250,000 tons per annum.

The Company controls, through Subsidiary Companies in Europe and in the British Empire, extensive deposits of the best quality of the essential raw material, the mineral Bauxite.

The Works (either freehold or on long lease) owned directly by the Company are:—

Hydro-electric Works for the production of aluminium at Foyers, Inverness-shire, and Kinlochleven, Argyllshire.

A Factory for the production of carbon electrodes at Kinlochleven, Argyllshire.

Chemical Factories for the refining of Bauxite at Burntisland, Fifeshire, and Larne, Co. Antrim, Ireland.

Rolling Mills at Warrington, Lancs, and Milton, Staffs.

The Company also owns the entire share capital of The North British Aluminium Company, Limited, which owns and operates Works for the production of aluminium at Lochaber, Inverness-shire, and of two Subsidiary Companies in Norway owning and operating two Hydro-electric Works for the production of aluminium and a Factory for the production of carbon electrodes.

The Company also has a large interest in two other aluminium works in Norway, and in another factory in that country for the production of carbon electrodes.

The Company also controls through Subsidiary Companies various works at home and abroad for the fabrication of aluminium in various forms and for allied operations, and it is closely associated with several Companies interested in other manufactures of aluminium. The Company is engaged directly, through its Subsidiary Companies, or in association with others, in practically every branch of the aluminium industry and has a world-wide selling organisation.

The Company promoted the Lochaber Water Power Act, 1921, for the purpose of developing a very large water power in the Lochaber district of Inverness-shire, and under that Act the Lochaber Power Company was set up. In 1924 the Company formed The North British Aluminium Company, Limited, for carrying out, on behalf of the Lochaber Power Company, the works authorised by the Act and for the production of aluminium.

Towards the cost of these works £2,500,000 was provided by an issue of Debenture Stock by The North British Aluminium Company, Limited, guaranteed by H.M. Government under the Trade Facilities Acts. The Company guaranteed this Loan and subscribed for the whole share capital of The North British Aluminium Company, Limited, which now amounts to 1,000,000 shares of £1 each.

The first stage of the Lochaber works has been completed and operations were commenced at the end of 1929. The hydro-electric plant in operation at Lochaber is at present about 33,000 E.H.P. The complete scheme is calculated to develop continuously up to approximately 100,000 E.H.P., and to treble the present output of aluminium from these works.

The Company acts as the sole selling agent for The North British Aluminium Company, Limited, and supplies that Company with the greater part of the necessary raw materials. When the Lochaber works have been completed, the Company will control a productive capacity of aluminium which it is anticipated will be more than double the capacity under its control during the year 1929.

The period for the construction of the works authorised by the Act of 1921 was due to expire in 1931, and consequently further Parliamentary powers were obtained by the Lochaber Water Power Act, 1930, under which an extension of time for the completion of the works has been granted, expiring in 1938. The most costly part of the authorised works, notably the main tunnel 15 miles in length, has been completed, and it is now proposed to proceed further with the works.

On 25th November, 1930, the Company issued for cash 700,430 Six per cent. Preference Shares of £1 each which become cumulative as from 1st January, 1931. The proceeds of the issue of these shares and the proceeds of the present issue are to be applied in redeeming the Company's outstanding Prior Lien Debentures and Debenture Stock, in financing the extension of the Lochaber works, and for other requirements of the Company.

The following is a copy of a report from the Company's Auditors:—

70a, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.2. 2nd December, 1930.

The Directors of THE BRITISH ALUMINIUM COMPANY, LIMITED.

We have audited the Accounts of your Company from its inception in 1910, and certify that the Profits of the six years ending on 31st December, 1929, before charging Debenture Interest and Sinking Fund, Income Tax, Depreciation and Reserves, and provision for Staff Benefit Fund, have been as follows:—

Year to 31st December,	£ s. d.
1924	£469,473 10 6
1925	525,042 16 5
1926	413,909 17 11
1927	412,591 18 7
1928	421,287 7 5
1929	420,017 8 9

or an annual average of £444,553 16s. 7d.

The Share Capital and the rates of dividends paid thereon in respect of the above period of six years have been as follows:—

	Preference Shares.	Rate.	Ordinary Shares.	Rate.	
1924	£299,570	6%	£1,001,034	10%	
1925	299,570	6%	1,001,034	10%	(also a bonus of 2½%)
1926	299,570	6%	1,001,034	10%	
1927	299,570	6%	1,001,034	10%	
1928	299,570	6%	1,001,034	10%	
1929	299,570	6%	1,001,034	10%	

The Accounts of the Company are made up annually to 31st December, and no Accounts have been made up since 31st December, 1929.

The Assets of the Company as appearing in the Audited Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1929, were as follows:—

	£ s. d.
Property, Buildings Engineering Works, Plant and Machinery at Cost	£2,871,423 3 5
Investments in Subsidiary Companies:—	
Shares at Cost, *less* Reserves	690,778 19 10
Loans, Advances and Current Accounts, *less* Reserves	386,876 16 10
Investments in, and Advances to Allied Companies at Cost, *less* Reserves	426,280 15 3
Government and Other Securities at Cost	405,873 9 6
Stocks of Metal, Raw Materials and Stores at or under Cost	319,708 4 10
Sundry Debtors and Bills Receivable, *less* Reserves	267,669 4 5
Cash—On Deposit, at Banks and in hand	149,655 13 4
Total	£5,518,266 7 5
Less— Depreciation Reserve Account	950,000 0 0
	£4,568,266 7 5

The Depreciation Reserve of £950,000, which has been accumulated and deducted from the fixed Assets as set out above, is additional to the annual expenditure on Repairs and Renewals charged against Revenue to keep the plant up to date. Substantial reserves have been made in arriving at the values of Investments and other Assets.

We are, Gentlemen, yours faithfully
CREWDSON, YOUATT & HOWARD.

The Assets of the Company at 31st December, 1929, shown by the Auditors' Report, amount to			£4,568,266 7 5
Add— Proceeds of Preference Shares since issued		£700,430 0 0	
Estimated net proceeds of present issue	£2,375,000 0 0		
Less— Amount required (including premium) for the redemption of the outstanding Prior Lien Debentures and Debenture Stock	1,323,979 18 0		
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			1,751,450 2 0
			£6,319,716 9 5

The value of the Assets of the Company calculated on this basis would cover the nominal amount of the Stock now offered more than two and a half times.

The average amount of the annual profits of the Company for the last six years on the basis shown in the foregoing report is more than three times the sum required for interest on the present issue.

The Articles of Association provide that the Board shall not, without the sanction of a General Meeting of the Company, borrow or raise any sum of money which will make the amount borrowed or raised by the Company and then outstanding exceed £5,000,000.

The following contracts (other than contracts in the ordinary course of business) have been entered into during the past two years:—

(1) 10th December, 1929. Agreement between the Company and The North British Aluminium Company, Limited.

(2) 22nd, 27th, 28th and 30th October, 1930. Agreement contained in letters of these dates between the Company and Power Securities Corporation, Limited, relating to the purchase of the said Preference Shares.

(3) 2nd December, 1930. Agreement between the Company and Power Securities Corporation, Limited, whereby Power Securities Corporation Limited, agreed to underwrite the whole of the present issue for a commission of 2½ per cent. of the nominal amount and also agreed, in consideration of a fee of £31,250, to pay all the expenses of preparing, printing, advertising and circulating the Prospectus, including legal fees and expenses and brokerage and the cost of preparing, printing and posting Allotment Letters and Letters of Regret and the stamp duty thereon, and also the stamp duty on the Trust Deed securing this issue, and to undertake on the Company's behalf the advertising and circulating of the Prospectus, the preparation of Allotment Sheets and the preparation, issue and postage of Allotment Letters.

Power Securities Corporation, Limited, is paying a sub-underwriting commission of 1½ per cent. and an overriding commission of ¼ per cent.

Stock Certificates will not be issued prior to 30th April, 1931, on which date they will be ready for delivery in exchange for fully-paid Allotment Letters.

A brokerage of 5s. per £100 Stock will be paid in respect of allotments made on applications (other than underwriting applications) bearing the stamp of a Banker, Broker, or other approved Agent.

Applications for the Stock (which must be in multiples of £1) must be made on the form below or that enclosed with the Prospectus and forwarded, together with the amount payable on application, to the Bankers of the Company or any of their branches.

If no allotment is made, the application money will be returned in full, and if a partial allotment is made, the surplus of the application money will be applied towards the amount payable on allotment and the excess, if any, returned to the applicant.

Failure to pay any instalment when due will render the allotment liable to cancellation and the previous payments liable to forfeiture. Interest at 8 per cent. per annum will be charged and payable on all overdue instalments.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and the Draft (subject to revision) of the Trust Deed for securing this issue, the above-mentioned Contracts and Report, the Company's Balance Sheets for the last six years, and the above mentioned Acts, can be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company any day during business hours prior to the closing of the Subscription List.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application can be obtained at the Offices of the Company, from the Bankers and Brokers of the Company, and from Power Securities Corporation, Limited, 66, Queen Street, London, E.C.4.

London, 5th December, 1930.

THIS FORM OF APPLICATION MAY BE USED.

No. ....

THE BRITISH ALUMINIUM COMPANY, LIMITED.
(Incorporated under the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908.)

Issue of £2,500,000 Five per cent. First Mortgage Debenture Stock at 98½ per cent. **(36)**

To the Directors, THE BRITISH ALUMINIUM COMPANY, LIMITED.

Gentlemen,—Having paid to your Bankers £........................, being a deposit at the rate of £10 per cent. on £......................of the above Debenture Stock, I/we hereby apply for an allotment of that amount of Debenture Stock upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Prospectus dated 5th December, 1930, and I/we agree to accept such amount or any smaller amount which may be allotted to me/us and to pay the further instalments as provided in the said Prospectus.

Dated this day of , 1930.

Signature ....

Name (in full) .... (Block Letters.)

Address (in full) ....

Description ....

(PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.)

Applications in the name of a firm will not be accepted.

Applications for Debenture Stock must be made in amounts of £1 or multiples thereof.

This form must be filled up and sent with a remittance for the amount due on application to WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED, 41, Lothbury, London, E.C.2, or branches, or GLYN, MILLS & CO., 42, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C.3, or branches.

All cheques should be made payable to "Bearer" and crossed "Not Negotiable." Any alteration from "Order" to "Bearer" must be signed by the Drawer.

No receipt will be issued for payment on application, but an acknowledgment will be forwarded in due course either by Allotment Letter or by return of deposit.

CITY CHATTER.

LIQUIDATION RESUMED—NEW ISSUE ACTIVITY—AIRCRAFT SHARES—RECOVERY IN KAFFIRS—OIL CONDITIONS—RUBBERS IMPROVE.

(R. J. BARRETT, Financial Editor.)

The cautious view taken of market prospects was justified by the resumption of liquidation and the general downward trend of prices. Practically the only exception was a mild rally in Home Rails on the rejection by the miners of the proposal of a national strike. Since it became known that the directors are willing to reduce their fees substantially, opposition to the wages cut has somewhat weakened, though the position is still difficult. Metropolitans provided a notably strong spot, the increased dividend of Metropolitan Country Estates revealing the possibilities of the company's district.

With the Kenya loan of £3,400,000 and the British Aluminium Company's £2,500,000 debenture issue some attempt is being made to cope with the shortage of investments recently referred to, but the plethora of floating money as disclosed by the latest Bank return shows that there is still plenty of room for further issues of a similar substantial nature. Meanwhile the prices of some of the recent issues have been reduced, and among others the new Central Electricity Board stock is now obtainable at a modest premium. As expected, the reinvestment of War Loan dividend money emphasised the scarcity of suitable securities.

Argentine Rails gave way sharply, rather from the absence of support than any great pressure to sell, and the general course of South Americans continued adverse, although Brazilians rallied at the close in the belief that the sinking fund purchases of the Railways Rescission and two other loans due this month will be duly effected. Peruvian Corporation, as well as the 6 per Cent. External bonds fell heavily, but Mexicans revived. The rally in Chinese was checked by an attack on Shanghai-Nanking Railway bonds, but this is understood to be due to exchange difficulties of a temporary nature. Japanese loans were sold, the economic situation being distrusted, but buyers came forward at the lower levels.

NEW ISSUE ACTIVITY.

The revival in new issues continues. Over the week-end £6,650,000 of new capital is being offered for subscription. The most important offer is that of the Kenya Government, which is making an issue of £3,400,000 of 4½ per cent. stock at 98½ per cent. As £900,000 has already been placed, only £2,500,000 will be available for the public. At the issue price the flat yield offered is 4 9-16 per cent., while the return, allowing for redemption at the latest date fifty years hence, is practically the same. The previous Kenya loan was issued in May, 1928, at 95, and is now quoted at 99, though the redemption date is twenty-one years earlier than the new.

As Crown Colony loans, such, for example, as those of Ceylon, now inspire greater confidence than those of Dominions subject to political vagaries and vicissitudes, the Kenya issue will probably attract considerable support. Country applicants can send in applications to be in time for the opening of the lists to-morrow morning, and should take full advantage of the opportunity.

An issue hardly less important is that of the British Aluminium Company, which is offering for subscription £2,500,000 5 per cent. First Mortgage Debenture stock at 98½ per cent. In this case, too, would-be applicants are given timely warning, as the lists do not open until Tuesday morning. At the issue price the flat yield is £5 1s. 6d. per cent., while, allowing for redemption at par at the latest date—February, 1973—the return offered is a few pence more.

The company, which started operations thirty-six years ago, is one of the world's largest producers of aluminium and the only large producer of the metal in the United Kingdom, its business being thus an important national industry. Gross profits for the past six years showed an annual average of £444,600, being more than three times the amount required for the payment of interest on the present debenture issue, while the net assets, amounting to £6,319,700, cover the nominal amount of the stock now offered more than two and a-half times. The stock is consequently a high-class investment equally well secured as to capital and interest. In view of an assured heavy subscription early application is advisable.

INDUSTRIAL POINTS.

As was to be expected in the last account before Christmas scattered liquidation made its appearance, and many of the leading Industrials suffered. United Molasses especially were pressed for sale owing to the nervousness regarding the coming Preference dividend, but rallied sharply on the official announcement that this will be paid. Subsequently sales were renewed on the idea that the payment is being made out of accumulated funds. Big lines of Turner and Newall again came on offer, causing the dealers to wonder whether the dividend estimate must be revised, though apart from the dumping of Russian asbestos in America nothing is known to have occurred that might cause any change in policy. The directors, it will be remembered, said that the progress and profits of the company have been maintained.

Carreras dividend proved to be in accordance with the reduced estimate, and explains the persistent selling of the shares. It is believed that this company's experience was exceptional, and that there is no reason to take a gloomy view of the coming results of the British-American and Imperial Tobacco Companies.

Only a languid interest was taken in the American group, International Nickels showing some improvement in response to the recovery in the price of copper and the rumour that the control has been repurchased by the United States interests. Swedish Industrials received good support, and Unilevers were bought on any set-back. Home and Colonial Stores and International Stores also attracted buyers. Harrods drooped on gloomy views of the coming dividend, but a steady appreciation has been going on for some time past in the Selfridge group, Whiteleys having recovered since attention was directed to their exceptionally high yield.

British Ropes weakened after the meeting at which it was shown that reconstruction is impossible until there is some improvement in trade. Richard Thomas Preference made some response to the greatly improved results, while Shipping shares remained quiet. A little inquiry arose for Royal Mail issues at the lower levels, and Union Castle Preference rallied, but White Star Preference weakened afresh.

Textiles on the whole are shaping better, a few buyers being attracted by reports of improving trade. The passing of the Bleachers interim was fully expected, and had no effect. Celanese issues made some response to the optimistic view taken of their future at the Gold Fields meeting, but the market was puzzled by the raising of yarn prices in some instances.

Australian Bank shares resumed their decline, and the passing of the interim dividend by Goldsbrough Mort and Co. testified to the unsatisfactory state of affairs in the Dominion. Several Brewery dividends were announced, and in practically every case continued prosperity was revealed.

As a speculative investment Tate and Lyle Ordinary shares at 35s. 1½d., comparing with a highest this year of 44s., and a lowest of 31s. 9d. may appeal to those who believe that the fall in commodities is likely to be arrested. The slump in sugar was mainly responsible for the falling off in the past year's profits and dividend, and it is unlikely that such serious depreciation will have to be faced next time. The shares have fluctuated widely in the past, and the buyer must be prepared to keep them till trade improves.

AIRCRAFT SHARES.

While the shares of aircraft manufacturing companies do not excite much market interest at the moment, they will probably do so in the future. The industry is making progress at a rate not generally recognised. In foreign markets British aircraft continue to succeed in the face of the keenest competition, especially in the matter of price, and British machines are now in use by or are in the air forces of no fewer than twenty-four nations. The latest important orders have been received from Belgium and Greece, but large contracts have already been executed for Overseas Dominions, the Baltic States, Scandinavian countries, and South American republics.

While the great bulk of the demand comes from Governments desirous of equipping their air forces with the best type of fighting machine, in the construction of which our manufacturers have established an acknowledged superiority, it is obvious that the accelerating development of civil aviation presents immense possibilities. Aircraft manufacture undoubtedly is one of the big industries of to-morrow, and its future is at present as little realised as was that of the motor-car industry when the historic first procession of horseless carriages started from Northumberland Avenue to Brighton.

Aircraft shares are, therefore, worth considering. The three principal companies known to the Stock Exchange, to give them in the order of their chronological precedence, are Handley Page, De Havilland Aircraft, and Fairey Aviation. Handley Page, the pioneers of the London-Paris air services, has an issued capital of £199,144, divided into Participating Preference shares of 5s. and 150,000 Ordinary shares of 1s. Profits for the last year amounted to £40,500 and 12½ per cent. was paid on the Preference, while holders of the £7,500 of Ordinary capital received nearly 150 per cent. The Preference shares are now quoted at about 10s., and give a return of 10 per cent. on the basis of the 1929 dividend.

The capital of De Havilland Aircraft Company is £400,000 in £1 shares. Profit for the year to September 31, 1929, was £44,700. The dividend was 10 per cent., £15,000 was placed to reserve and £7,000 carried forward. The company, which is famous for its "Moth" machines, has extensive interests in Canada, Australia, and India, and has good financial resources for future developments. Its shares now stand at about 30s., and yield 6 2-3 per cent. on the 1928-29 dividend.

Fairey Aviation has a share capital of £500,000, with £200,000 of 8 per cent. Debentures; its foreign sales are said to be increasing, especially on the machines of the "Firefly" type. Profits for the year to September, 1929, amounted to, roughly, £165,000. A dividend of 7 per cent. was paid, and £57,000 was placed to capital reserve. The company is interested in the Air Survey Company, which takes aerial photographs and makes maps, and this should prove an increasingly valuable branch of its business. The 10s. shares are now quoted at 12s. 9d., and yield only 5½ per cent. on the latest 7 per cent. dividend. Shareholders will be disappointed if the distribution for the past year is not at an increased rate. The 8 per cent. Debentures are quoted at par.

Other undertakings which are benefiting by the development of aviation, military and civil, are the manufacturers of the essential engines. Of these the most famous are Rolls Royce and D. Napier and Sons. The former, which has a capital of £818,962, in £1 shares, has been steadily successful over a long period of years, thanks to the popularity of its luxury cars. It is safe to assume, nevertheless, that of the profit of £201,700 secured in the fourteen months to December, 1929, no inconsiderable proportion was derived from its aero engines. The dividend was limited to 10 per cent., and £50,000 was placed to reserve. At 40s. the shares yield 5 per cent.

Napiers, formerly chiefly known for its motor-cars, has a capital of £1,028,000 in 300,000 7½ per cent. Cumulative Preference, 182,000 non-cumulative Preference (both of £1 each), and 2,184,000 5s. Ordinary shares. Profits for the year to September, 1928, were £155,300, and a dividend equivalent to 15 per cent. was paid on the Ordinary capital. At 9s. the shares yield slightly over 8 per cent.

A.B.C. Recovery.

As anticipated, the profits of the Aerated Bread Company, under the able leadership of Lord Greenwood, chairman of the company, showed a sharp recovery, having risen from £16,200 to £79,300. The company's shares are restored to the dividend list with a payment of 5 per cent., while additional provision is made for income-tax and depreciation, and a larger surplus is carried forward. The past year's turnover established a new record, and it is evident that the drastic overhaul of the business is now beginning to yield the expected benefits. In the light of the results reported and the general financial position disclosed in the accounts, the attempted agitation of a self-constituted committee is unlikely to enlist much sympathy among the shareholders.

INVESTMENT HINTS.

A small line of Quebec Central Railway capital stock placed privately is obtainable at 102½, free of stamp but ex the January, 1931, dividend. The railway is leased to the Canadian Pacific for 999 years, so that the stock is a first-class investment, and as such has been previously recommended. On the 5 per cent. dividend the yield is £4 17s. 6d. per cent.

North Metropolitan Electric Power Company's shares at 49s. 6d. yield only 4 per cent. on the 10 per cent. dividend paid for each of the last three years, but have possibilities as a speculative investment. The company has powers over an area of about 660 square miles in Middlesex, Hertford, and Essex, and this area includes the northern part of Greater London with its rapidly growing population. Among other companies it supplies power to the L.M.S. Railway and the Metropolitan Railway. The financial position is strong, the reserve standing at £1,363,746, while earnings available for Ordinary dividend have increased from £237,393 in 1927 to £286,492 in 1929.

Usher's Wiltshire Brewery shares have been previously recommended, and around 30s. are still considered a good holding of their kind, the yield being £6 13s. 4d. per cent. on the 10 per cent. dividend which is earned with a substantial margin. Reserves and carry forward amount to £110,800, or one-third of the Ordinary capital.

Last week's reference to Associated British Cinemas 7½ per Cent. Preference contained an obvious slip, the yield on the £1 shares at 15s. 6d. being given as "almost 7 per cent." instead of "almost 10 per cent."

Peruvian Corporation Debentures at 78½ seem to be unduly affected by the reduction in the Preference dividend for the past year. At this level the yield is 7⅝ per cent., and the Debentures are redeemable at 105 in 1975. Interest and sinking fund require £247,515, after providing which a balance remained out of the past year's profits of £304,671.

RECOVERY IN KAFFIRS.

Conditions on the Continent have been the principal factor in the mining markets, although at one time some forced liquidation for Johannesburg account exercised a depressing influence. Upon the receipt of better advices from both centres, a fairly general recovery in Kaffirs took place. There was considerable buying from the Cape of shares such as Crowns, Springs, and Sub Nigels, upon which good dividends are expected for the current half-year; attention was also given to some of the more speculative descriptions such as Durban Deep and Nourse. Issue of the annual report of the De Beers was followed by the descent of the Deferred shares to the record low level of £5. Rather surprisingly, last year's profit shows a small increase, although, as expected, no distribution is being made on the Deferred shares.

Northern Rhodesians have marked time pending the announcement of the Bwana-Congo Border scheme, which is expected in the very near future. The delay in the submission of the proposals is understood to have been due to difficulties in meeting the desires of certain minority but important interests.

In the Base Metal departments the only feature was the fluctuations in Tintos, occasioned partly by the tendency on the Paris Bourse and partly by the movements in copper. This product has now relinquished the bulk of the gain established at the commencement of the week. Messina were not adversely affected by the cut in the final dividend. West Australians had a partial relapse in connection with the latest advices respecting the gold bonus proposals, but these are more favourable than appears at first sight. While work for some time past has been chiefly concentrated upon preparations for production, the Wiluna report shows a substantial increase in the ore reserves. The treatment value is placed at 35s., the recovery at 83 per cent., and working costs at 19s. per ton. An issue of £300,000 notes is to be made.

OIL CONDITIONS.

The oil share market was very much steadier in tone. Interest was revived by Sir Henri Deterding's speech at the adjourned Royal Dutch meeting, in which he dispelled misconceptions about the financial position of the company. He denied rumours that a dividend had not been earned or that the final dividend would be a poor one, and drew attention to the enormous savings made by the company by the postponement of extensions. These savings were said to be about £2,500,000 during the current year, and should approximate £4,000,000 in 1931, an amount, as was pointed out in the market, sufficient to offset the reduction in dividend received from the Shell Union Corporation.

The good report of Steaua Romana (British) attracted attention, profits being £133,131 against £109,912, while the dividend was maintained at 4 per cent. The shares rallied sharply on the results, and attention was also drawn to the shares of Phœnix Oil and Transport, another Rumanian enterprise. The dividend on the £1 shares of this company was 5 per cent. for 1929, and it is hoped that this rate will be maintained. The interim dividend is due in February and the yield on last year's distribution is about 13 per cent.

Owing to the reorganisation of capital, the financial year of British Controlled Oilfields is to be altered to end at December 31 instead of July 31. In consequence no balance-sheet will be presented at the forthcoming meeting, but the directors state that profits for the past twelve months amounted to £395,864 as compared with £440,171 in the previous year. The reduction in profits is said to be mainly attributable to higher freight rates. Production for the year amounted to 2,714,985 barrels, compared with 2,601,374 barrels.

RUBBER IMPROVES.

Raw Rubber sold at 4 13-16d. per lb. on Wednesday. This is the highest price recorded since September, and in the interim the low record of 3⅞d. was seen, both in September and October. Incidentally, the best level this year to date is 8⅜d. in February, but the average up to the end of October is only 6 3-16d. A decrease of over 6,000 tons in Malayan shipments for November to 41,281 tons, against 47,664 tons the previous month was understood to be the chief reason for the rise in prices. The Ceylon figures for November were also substantially lower at 5,750 tons against 7,250 tons the previous month, bad weather being understood to have interfered with tapping.

A quieter tendency developed in commodity prices later in the week, and the high level of Wednesday was not maintained. Business in the shares remained on a very small scale, but the tone was quite firm, with price movements upward in the few instances where a change was made.

Tea shares were still slightly irregular, but there was more inquiry apparent, and a number of issues closed with an appreciable improvement on the week. Demand at the auctions was fairly well maintained, but the total average price was a trifle lower at 1s. 2.91d. against 1s. 3.38d. the previous week, and 1s. 1.94d. for the corresponding sales a year ago.

THE OUTLOOK.

In addition to the other perplexities with which the investor is confronted the weakness of the sterling exchange in New York complicates the outlook for gilt-edged securities. Normally such a development would arouse no comment at this season, but conditions this year are far from normal, and if in addition to the drain of gold for the Continent the United States also were to start taking gold the position might become awkward. But this contingency need not be regarded too seriously. It is by now pretty generally realised that America's stock of gold is too large already and there will be no eagerness to add to it.

The real menace is from France, and until the demand from that quarter comes to an end it will continue to cause disturbance not only to the financial but to the trade system of the world. It has been accentuated by the recent banking troubles in Paris, though whether these are the reasons or merely the excuse for the extraordinary accumulation of gold by the Bank of France is uncertain. Notwithstanding the continuance of ease in the money market this threat to the Bank's gold reserves has caused a slight set-back in British Government securities of which advantage should be taken by those who have funds to invest.

Already holders of War Loan 4 per cent. stock, which is to be repaid on January 15, are casting about for suitable securities in which to reinvest the proceeds. This will accentuate the scarcity of first-class investments, and the present set-back in prices therefore seems likely to prove only temporary. The arguments advanced by Mr. F. C. Goodenough, the chairman of Barclays Bank, in favour of an international settlement of War debts, and the conversion of War Loan 5 per cent. stock are incontrovertible, and this conversion question will remain in the forefront of financial problems until it has been effectually grappled with.

PAST WEEK'S MARKET FEATURES

	Nov. 28.	Dec. 5.	+ Rise or — Fall.
GILT-EDGED.			
War Loan 5%	102 5-16	102 3-16	— ⅛
Conversion 3½%	81 7-16	81¼	— 3-16
Do. 5%	105 15-16	105¾	— 3-16
Consolidated 4%	92¾	92⅛	— ⅝
Australia 5%	85½	83½xd	—
Bloemfontein 5%	⅝ dis	1 dis	— ⅜
FOREIGN.			
Brazil 1914	71	69½	— 1½
Do. 6½%	72	70	— 2
Chinese 1912	52½	54	+ 1½
German 5½%	73	72	— 1
Japan 5%	92	90	— 2
Peru Pref.	31½	26	— 5½
HOME AND FOREIGN RAILS.			
Cen. Argentine	60	55	— 5
Entre Rios	69	67	— 2
B.A. Gt. Southern	71	67	— 4
B.A. and Pacific	59½	53	— 6½
INDUSTRIALS			
Allied News	19/6	19/3	— -/3
Amal. Press	20/6	20/-	— -/6
Kelly's Directories Deb.	104½	104½	—
Daily Mail Trust	2 5-32	2⅛	— 1-32
Carreras	5⅝	5¼	— ⅜
Do. "B"	14/3	13/3	— 1/-
Turner & Newall	51/-	45/-	— 6/-
United Molasses	18/-	15/10½	— 2/1½
Wall Paper Def'd	34/-	32/3	— 1/9
Brazil Traction	26⅛	25 9-16	— 9-16
Aerated Bread	18/9	18/3	— -/6
Harrods	57/3	55/-	— 2/3
Tate and Lyle	34/-	35/1½	+ 1/1½
MINES.			
Central Mining	11¼	11¾	+ ½
De Beers Def.	5	5⅛	+ ⅛
Sub Nigel	2 11-32	2 13-32	+ 1-16
Bwana M'Kubwa	8/4½	7/10½	— -/6
Chartered	28/7½	28/10½	+ -/3
Congo Border	8½	8½	—
Rio Tinto	30⅝	31½	+ ⅞
Mining Corporation	6/6	7/-	+ -/6
Burma Corporation	9/1½	9/-	— -/1½
Trepca (5/-)	6/3	6/6	+ -/3
Lake Views (4/-)	9/-	8/7½	— -/4½
OILS.			
Anglo-Persian	2⅞	2 29-32	+ 1-32
Burmah	3 9-16	3 19-32	+ 1-32
Phœnix	6/9	7/4½	+ -/7½
Royal Dutch	24¾	26⅛	+ 1⅜
Shell Transport	3 11-32	3 13-32	+ 1-16
Trinidad Leaseholds	1 1-32	1 1-16	+ 1-32
V.O.C.	1 1-16	1 1-16	—
RUBBERS.			
Anglo-Dutch	25/-	25/6	+ -/6
Rubber Trusts	24/-	24/4½	+ -/4½
Grand Central	11/9	12/9	+ 1/-
United Sua Betong	2 1-16	2⅛	+ 1-16
TEAS.			
Dooars	38/-	2 1-16	+ 3/3
British Indian	2⅛	2¼	+ ⅛
Ouvah	3⅜	3½	+ ⅛
Moran	3½	3¼	— ¼

TO-DAY'S ISSUES.

KENYA 4½ PER CENT. STOCK

An issue of £3,400,000 Kenya Government 4½ per Cent. Inscribed stock at 98½ per cent. is announced, of which £900,000 has already been placed, the remaining £2,500,000 now being offered for subscription. The final date of redemption is 1971, but the Government has the option of redemption at par on or after January 1, 1961, on giving six months' notice. A sinking fund at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum will be formed in this country for the repayment of the loan under the management of the Crown Agents.

The loan is raised to meet the cost of railway and harbour and other works for the development of the Colony, and is a full trustee security. It is secured on the general revenues and assets of the country, the public debt of which consists of £5,000,000 of 6 per Cent. stock in respect of which a sinking fund has been accumulated to the value of approximately £402,000, £5,000,000 in 5 per Cent. stock and £3,500,000 in 4½ per Cent. stock.

BRITISH ALUMINIUM DEBENTURES

Subscriptions are invited for an issue of £2,500,000 5 per Cent. First Mortgage Debenture stock of the British Aluminium Company at 98½ per cent. The stock will be redeemable by an accumulative sinking fund of 1 per cent. per annum commencing in 1936, to be applied in purchase on the market at par or in redemption at par by drawings, the final redemption being on January 1, 1973. Power is reserved to redeem on three months' notice, from January 1, 1936, to January 1, 1951, at 103 per cent.

The company is one of the largest producers of aluminium in the world, and controls, through its subsidiaries, extensive deposits of the raw material, and owns and operates works at Lochaber as well as hydro-electric and other works in Norway.

The first stage of the Lochaber works has been completed, and operations were commenced at the end of 1929. The hydro-electric plant there is at present about 33,000 E.H.P. The complete scheme is calculated to develop continuously up to about 100,000 E.H.P., and to treble the present output from these works.

The proceeds of the issue are to be applied in redeeming the outstanding Prior Lien Debentures and Debenture stock, in financing the extension of the Lochaber works, and for other requirements.

Profits for the past six years averaged £444,554, and are sufficient to cover the interest on the present issue more than three times, while the value of the assets is calculated to cover the nominal amount of the stock more than two and a-half times.

The issue is underwritten by the Power Securities Corporation.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Readers who desire answers on financial matters should send their queries to "Financial Editor," the "Sunday Times," 135, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4, so as to arrive not later than first post Fridays.

H. S. (Southport).—Hold for investment.

M. M.—Keep Listers and average if they go lower.

X. Y. Z.—If you can wait for recovery, the four Industrials might be held.

Samphire.—A bad time for selling the Industrials if you can wait for recovery.

F. C. P.—The shares named are absolute speculations, and should be avoided.

Mac.—May go lower for a time, but would risk holding for recovery eventually.

W. W. (Helensburgh).—A fair exchange, though both, of course, are quite speculative.

J. P. (Malvern).—Will reply when the actual terms of the arrangement are made known.

D. F. S.—Better leave the Economic Finance Corporation and its literature severely alone.

Tony.—The position is obscure. Suggest you wait for the report. Meanwhile would not average.

W. H. B.—Sorry the meagre information you possess cannot be supplemented, as the company refuses to talk.

H. C. S. H.—Position is rather obscure. Suggest you await the report due in March before averaging.

F. W. O.—You have summed up the pros and cons. Probably you would feel safer in a first-class home office.

C. D. L.—For a 6¼ per cent. yield Waring and Gillows 6 per cent. debenture stock might be considered.

M. A. B.—(1) Would let the certificates remain for at least ten years. (2) You might buy War Loan 5 per cent.

Pen.—(1) and (2). There has been a little demand for these lately, so would risk holding for some recovery. (3) Sell.

Depot.—You might sell No. 1 and exchange into Walker and Cain, as suggested, keeping No. 2 for possible recovery.

W. T. C.—Satisfactory for part of your capital. Invest the balance in War Loan, which is always readily marketable.

H. G. A.—Cannot advise taking the present price for Lovell and Christmas if you are prepared to wait till trade improves.

Ajax.—Do not advise the exchange from War Loan or the Building Society into No. 1. Your other investments might be retained.

A. B. C.—Funding 4 per cent. is available free of tax to residents abroad, and consequently stands higher than Consolidated 4 per cent.

W. A. T.—It would be extremely difficult to get an equal return elsewhere without taking even more risk. Prefer to keep the India stock.

Index.—All the Preference shares are reasonable selections for the high average yield of over 8 per cent., which of course involves some risk.

Salop.—Hydro Electric Securities dividend is payable December 16 to holders of record on November 15. Would not take the present price.

M. A. T.—Better cut the loss. The company has possibilities, but it is hardly likely that the first year's results will justify the present price.

X. O. Z. Z. O.—A purchase of International Nickels to average would be risky, but might improve your position. It would not carry the dividend due this month.

W. E. F.—Local conditions vary, and it would be necessary to obtain expert local opinion. Prefer to reinvest in long-dated Government loans such as Consolidated 4 per cent.

B. P. T.—Quotation in India of Bombay Port Trust 4 per cent. 1901, due November 1, 1931, as received by mail is 98. Your best course is to hold them for redemption.

D. J. H.—(1) The two Societies are in the front rank. (2) Associated British Cinemas Preferences are reasonable for the high yield. (3) Any broker or bank would deal for you.

R. B. S.—City of London Real Property Investment Trust has not been established long enough for a definite opinion to be formed. Would choose the stock of a well-established investment trust.

S. J. Y.—You cannot ignore the legal position and refuse to pay calls. So far as it is possible to judge, the company now has a businesslike board, though its success is of course uncertain.

M. U. G.—There is not, and never has been, any chance of selling Asbestos Holdings Trust and Vulcan Copper Mines on the Stock Exchange. Fear you are right in regarding yourself as a "shorn lamb." Make inquiries in future before buying.

Steve.—The conveyance of the house property must be executed by a solicitor, and in transferring the shares it would be wiser to avoid pitfalls to employ a broker. Sorry no estimate of the cost can be given. The minimum commission on shares is £1.

Disappointed.—(a) Sell Nos. (1) (2) and (6). Risk keeping (3) (4) and (5). Of the others, Maypole Dairies are the best selection. Write to the Scottish Reversionary (b) Society, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, asking if they can help you in this matter.

Constant Reader.—(1) and (3) Little prospect of appreciation in the near future. (2) Have a good chance of improvement. (4) London and Suburban Traction Preferences are merely a gamble on the chance of the London Transport Bill helping the position.

H. C. G.—You must recognise that interest rates have declined since the 4 per cent. War Loan was issued. The nearest to your interest requirements would be Conversion 5 per cent., unless you care to buy War Loan 5 per cent. and take the chance of being paid off.

L. D. (Glasgow).—(1) Would not buy more. (2) Might be averaged on a dull day, but would not be keen on putting more money into (3) and (4). (5) and (7) Reasonable to average. (6) A further purchase should show a profit over a period. (8) (9) and (10) Hold for investment.

Zodiac.—(1) At present prices, Imperial Chemicals and Fine Cotton Spinners. It would do no harm to wait for the dividend before buying the others. (2) American Telegraph and Telephone and Shawinigan Light and Power are two strong concerns, but you need to choose your opportunity.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

The list will be closed on or before Tuesday, the 9th December, 1930.

KENYA GOVERNMENT 4½% INSCRIBED STOCK, 1961-1971.

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The Government of Kenya having complied with the requirements of the Colonial Stock Act, 1900, Trustees are authorised to invest in this stock, subject to the restrictions set forth in the Trustee Act, 1925.

The Loan is raised to meet the cost of Railway and Harbour Works and other Works for the development of the Colony.

The Loan and the Interest thereon, the property of persons not resident in Kenya, will not be subject to any Taxes, Duties or Levies by the Government of the Colony.

The revenues of Kenya alone are liable in respect of the above stock and the dividends thereon, and the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom and the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are not directly or indirectly liable or responsible for the payment of the stock or of the dividends thereon, or for any matter relating thereto (Act 40 and 41 Vict., c. 59).

The Public Debt of the Colony consists of £5,000,000 6 per cent. Stock 1946/56 issued in 1921 (in respect of which a Sinking Fund has been accumulated to the value of approximately £402,000), £5,000,000 5 per cent. Stock 1948/58 issued in 1927, and £3,500,000 4½ per cent. Stock 1950 issued in 1928.

Prospectuses and Application Forms may be obtained from the Crown Agents for the Colonies at 4, Millbank, S.W.1, or at 1, Tokenhouse Buildings, E.C.2; Messrs. Mullens Marshall, Steer, Lawford and Co., 13, George Street, Mansion House, E.C.4; Messrs. J. and A. Scrimgeour, 3, Lothbury, E.C.2; the National Bank of India, Ltd., 26, Bishopsgate, E.C.2; the Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd., 10, Clements Lane, E.C.4; or Barclays Bank (Dominion, Colonial and Overseas), Circus Place, E.C.2.

Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, London, S.W.1.
8th December, 1930.

SUNDAY TIMES.
THIS FORM MAY BE USED.

KENYA GOVERNMENT
4½ Per Cent. Inscribed Stock, 1961-1971.

To the Crown Agents for the Colonies.
Gentlemen,
I/We hereby apply for £..........................
say .... pounds
of Kenya Government 4½ per cent. Inscribed Stock, 1961-1971, according to the conditions contained in the Prospectus of the 8th December, 1930, and undertake to pay £98 10s. for every £100 Stock, and to accept the same, or any less amount that may be allotted to me/us and to pay for the same in conformity with the terms of the said Prospectus.

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Name in full..........................
(Block Letters)
(State whether Mrs. or Miss, and Titles, if any.)
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COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED.

The ordinary general meeting of this company was held on December 2 at River Plate House, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

Lord Brabourne (the chairman) said that the accounts showed a balance of £255,079, and the directors recommended a dividend of 7½ per cent., less tax. Having referred to encouraging features in connection with the company's Rand gold-mining interests and to the progress being made in Australia by the Lake View and Star, Ltd., and the Wiluna Gold Corporation, he said that their chief interest in platinum lay in the Waterval property, which, even at a much greater rate of production than the present, should have a life of over forty years, and must ultimately occupy an important place in the general picture. Their other large interest was in the South American Gold and Platinum Company, and in this connection it was disappointing that, after fourteen years of prosperous conditions, the managers of a company which was still making a profit at the present price, and had, as he was informed, a surplus of assets over liabilities of 2,017,000 dols., including 1,660,000 dols. in cash continued to refuse to consider the payment of a dividend. "Gold Fields" held approximately a one-third interest in the company.

A year ago it looked as if they might expect steady and increasing dividends from the Mexican Corporation, but the heavy fall in the price of copper, lead, and zinc had greatly reduced profits. At June 30 the known oxide ore reserves contained over 7,500,000 oz. of silver, which at the present price was hardly worth mining. In view of the fact that authorities stated that the supply of gold was insufficient to meet the world's credit requirements, and of the probable decline in world gold production during the next few years, it was surely time that the chief nations of the world should agree to remonetise silver and fix its price, say, at one-fortieth of that of gold, or 2s. an ounce.

Referring to tin, the chairman, stating that their chief holding was in the Anglo-Oriental Mining Corporation, said there were signs that a recovery in price was at hand, and of that recovery, when it came, they were in a position to take full advantage.

The report and accounts were adopted.

THE SUSSEX BRICK COMPANY.

A NEW SHARE ISSUE.

CONTINUED EXPANSION OF PROFITS.

The third ordinary general meeting of the Sussex Brick Co., Ltd., was held at the Town Hall, Market Square, Horsham, on Friday last.

Sir Arthur H. Marshall, K.B.E. (the chairman of the company), who presided, said: We are pleased to present to you a satisfactory increase in profit made in a year of considerable difficulty. Whilst the net profit comes out at £34,587 against £32,919 the figure has been struck after charging bank interest of £3,478 in respect of last year as against a similar item of only £459 a year ago.

The substantial increase in bank interest connotes a corresponding increase in our bank overdraft, but you will observe that our fixed assets also show a substantial growth and indicate the continued expansion of the company's business. It is in order to pay off the bank, and also to provide the company with working capital to enable it to continue its forward policy that the directors decided to recommend the increase in the Deferred share capital of £100,000.

It is the intention of the board immediately to offer these new shares at par to the existing holders of Deferred shares, but in order to assure to the company the capital required, the precaution has been taken of obtaining a guarantee of its full subscription from the Charterhouse Investment Trust, Ltd., for a commission of 2 per cent.

The company has achieved a high reputation for its specialised bricks, and it is now well placed to increase its trade over the wide area which it serves. There is an insistent demand for the company's products, and I think we can look forward to an expansion of this demand and a steady growth of future profits.

A considerable part of the capital expenditure incurred in the past year was in connection with the construction of new and improved kilns, which is leading to economy in our coal consumption and a greater rapidity in manufacture.

In conclusion, I feel that we may fairly look forward to the continued success and prosperity of our business, and I hope the shareholders will take the opportunity which is now afforded to add to their holding in the company on such advantageous terms.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

FINANCIAL NOTICE.

FAR EASTERN PHOTOMATON CORPORATION LIMITED.

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MONEY MARKET.

SHORT LOANS EASY BUT BILLS FIRMER.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

As expected, the Money Market derived considerable benefit during the past week from the substantial Government disbursements made in connection with the payment of the half-yearly interest on the 5 per Cent. War Loan, while funds were further increased by rather heavy bank buying of January and February bills from the market. At times it was found difficult to fully employ available credit, and while old loans were generally renewed at 1½ per cent., fresh day-to-day money has been frequently offered down to 1 per cent.

Discount rates after easing on the abundance of money, are now hardening up on the unfavourable condition of the foreign exchanges generally, the low level of the German rate having, in fact, already resulted in the withdrawal of gold from the Bank of England for export to Berlin, in addition to the daily drain on French account. Leading houses to-day quoted 2 7-32 per cent. to over for three months fine bank bills, and 2 3-16 per cent. for the Treasury bills placed yesterday.

In the foreign exchange market there has been a downward movement in the principal Continental rates, the Paris cheque rate at one time declining to 123.55, a new low record since stabilisation. Sterling, however, appreciated slightly in New York.

—	Method of quoting.	Par of exch.	Quotations. Dec. 6	Nov. 29
Paris, cheques...	Fr. to £...	124.21	123.58-.61	123.59-.61
Berlin	Mks. to £	20.43	20.36-36½	20.36½-¾
Brussels, ch'ques	Belga to £	35.00	34.78-.78½	34.81¾-.82¼
Amst'rd'm, chqs.	Fl. to £	12.107	12.06⅜-⅝	12.06½-.58
Italy, sight	Lire to £	92.46	92.65-92.68	92.75-92.78
Greece	Drch. to £	375	374¾-375¼	374¾-375¼
Madrid, sight	Pes. to £	25.22½	43.70-43.75	43.45-43.55
Lisbon, sight	Escudo	4.50	108⅛-⅝	108⅛-⅝
Switz'rl'nd, sight	Fr. to £...	25.22½	25.06-06¼	25.07-.07½
Oslo sight	Kr. to £...	18.159	18.15½-¾	18.15¾-.16¼
Stockholm, sight	Kr. to £...	18.159	18.09¾-.10¼	19.09-09¼
Copenhagen, s'gt	Kr. to £...	18.159	18.15¾-.16	18.15¼-¾
Helsingfors	Mks. to £	193.23	192¾-193	192¾-193
Vienna	Sh. to £...	34.58½	34.48-34.52	34.48-34.51
Alexandria, sight	Pstrs. to £	97½	97 7/16-97⅝	97 7/16-97⅝
Prague	Kr. to £...	164.25	163 11/16-¾	163 11/16-13/16
Bucharest	Lei to £...	813.6	817-819	817-819
Bombay, T.T.	d. to rupee	18d.	1s. 5 [illegible]d.	1s. 5 [illegible]d.
Calcutta, T.T.	d. to rupee	18d.	1s. 5 [illegible]d.	1s. 5 [illegible]d.
Hong Kong, T.T.	d. to dol...	—	1s. 2½d.	1s. 3d.
Shanghai, T.T.	d. to tael..	—	1s. 6⅝d.	1s. 6⅞d.
Singapore, T.T.	d. to dol...	2s. 4d.	2s. 3¾d.	2s. 3¾d.
Kobe	Yen	24.57d.	2s. 0 [illegible]d.	2s. 0 [illegible]d.
New York, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅔	4.85⅝-[illegible]	4.85½-[illegible]
Montreal, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅔	4.85¼-½	4.85¼-½
Rio de J., T.T.	d. to ml.	5.89d.	4⅝-4[illegible]	4[illegible]-4[illegible]
Buenos A's, T.T.	Dollar	47.58d.	38 7/16-38½	38⅜-38⅝
Valp'r'iso, 90d'ys	Pesos to £	40	39.79	39 80
Montevideo, T.T.	d. to dol...	51d.	38⅛-38⅝	38½-39
Lima	Sols to £	12.166	15.85	15.65

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

VALLAMBROSA RUBBER.—The directors have decided not to pay an interim dividend on account of the current year.

H. and G. SIMONDS.—A final dividend of 9½ per cent. actual, less tax, is to be paid on the Ordinary shares, making 12½ per cent. for the year.

SUSSEX BRICK.—At the annual general meeting on Friday the report and accounts were unanimously adopted, and it was decided to increase the deferred capital by £100,000. Shareholders will be offered these new shares at par.

GILFORD MOTOR.—Profit for the period to September 30 amounted to £28,428, and £4,710 was brought in. Interim dividend of 7½ per cent. absorbed £7,500, and it is proposed to pay a final dividend at the same rate, making 15 per cent., to transfer to reserve £10,000, to contingencies £3,000, and to write off expenses of cost of conversion to public company £2,180, carrying forward £2,958.

CAMPERDOWN TRUST.—Net revenue for the year to November 1 was £52,448, compared with £53,148. The directors recommend a final dividend of 6½ per cent., making 13 per cent. (same), placing £5,000 to reserve (against £5,000 to reserve fund), carrying forward £25,042 (against £22,007). A valuation of investments shows an appreciation of £88,217 over their book value of £1,359,559.

CARD CLOTHING AND BELTING.—The accounts for the year to September 30 show a net profit of £35,518 (against £54,302) less Debenture interest £13,173. Preference dividend takes £11,517, and £5,000 (same) is placed to reserve. After deducting income-tax, less reserve brought forward, a balance of £230 is carried forward. For the previous year a dividend of 2½ per cent. was paid on the ordinary, and £22,831 carried forward.

JOHN MACKINTOSH AND SONS.—Net profit for the year to September 30 was £86,543, compared with £107,228, and available balance was £136,307, as against £140,064. Preference dividend absorbs £30,000 and Preferred Ordinary £40,000. Business during the opening months of the current year, it is stated, justifies the directors paying a dividend of 10 per cent. on the Preferred Ordinary on the customary date (December 31 next).

BRITISH GOODRICH RUBBER.—Net profits for the year to September 30 last amounted to £88,124, compared with £92,969 for the previous year, and the available balance was £98,585, as against £102,703. Preference dividends absorb £14,667, and the Preference reserve allocation is £16,814 (against £21,444). It is proposed to place £15,000 to general reserve and £10,000 to contingencies reserve, and to pay a dividend of 5 per cent. (against 4 per cent.) on the Ordinary shares, carrying forward £16,938. For the previous year £35,000, balance of preliminary expenses, was written off and £10,461 carried over. Sir Walrond Sinclair has been authorised by the board to enter into an agreement with the company on behalf of the Preference shareholders. The purport of this agreement is that the £49,784 now standing to the credit of the Preference shareholders' reserve shall be capitalised and appropriated in full payment at par for Preference shares at present unissued. These shares are to be distributed as a bonus amongst the holders of the issued Preference shares in the proportion of one new Preference share to every five already held.

INCOME-TAX QUERIES.

Thames.—You are entitled to £135 free of tax, and rest of income to be charged at 2s. You can therefore claim a refund.

Enquirer.—You do not have to include anything on return for annual value of house until furnished and ready for occupation. No tax is payable on empty unfurnished houses.

J. C. D. V.—You will have to pay tax in Channel Islands in accordance with income-tax laws. You can claim relief from British tax in accordance with rule given in reply to "Grandpa."

H. B. J.—You must pay income-tax on that part of income which is used to pay rates. There is no distinction between part used in paying rates and part used in paying any other expenses such as the butcher's bill.

Epsolon.—If you have already paid tax no collector can demand it again, but if you have not paid it it can be given into hands of collector for your place of residence to collect no matter where property may be.

Canada.—Only some British Government securities are exempt from tax if owner is not permanently resident in this country. As to these, son can claim if he can satisfy authorities that he is permanently resident abroad.

Goldfinch.—Only widower can claim housekeeper allowance. A single man can claim if he employs housekeeper to have care of young children whom he maintains at own expense, and for whom he is in position to claim children allowance.

Landlord.—The garden produce is all part of amenity, and you could not claim that as expense. But you can claim wages of gardener and any necessary upkeep of garden which you have had to undertake during period of furnished let.

Faith.—Your sons as farmers will be assessed under Sch. B on rental value of farm, and from this will be entitled to one-sixth as earned income, and to separate allowances, so that if rent of farm is only £180 a year they will be exempt and have nothing to pay.

F. J. S.—You are liable on whole pay from time when you first returned to this country irrespective of when you drew it. You are not exempt from income-tax on War Loan interest now. That exemption ceased directly you became ordinarily resident in this country.

T. P. M.—If what father received was compensation for loss of capital, and did not include anything for interest or rent or income, no tax should have been charged on amount. It is too late to appeal against assessments made all those years ago, but you could apply to Board of Inland Revenue in the special circumstances, as such an assessment seems to be quite unjustified.

Enem.—You will be entitled to allowance of one-sixth of income if it does not exceed £500 and to £225 free of tax, and remainder to be taxed at 2s. in £ if it does not exceed £250. Anything over £250 will be taxed at 4s. 6d. If income exceeds £500 you can claim to pay tax on exactly £500, and so get one-sixth allowance, but you will also have to pay over to Revenue half amount by which income exceeds £500. The income from property is taken to be net Sch. A assessment thereon.

C. E. S.—It would appear that gross income is £500, out of which £250 interest has to be paid, and tax is deductible from this on payment so that payer should be charged on £250 at standard rate, which tax he will deduct from interest. The £250 he has left for himself will be subject to deduction of one-sixth as earned income and personal allowances to which he is entitled, i.e., £225 married allowance, so that he should have nothing to pay. But it is not known whether he has other income. Presumably he has, if loan is, as you say, fully secured.

Grandpa.—If son is British subject he can claim relief from British tax in accordance with following rule: Income-tax is first calculated on whole income from all sources, and whether liable to British tax or not, just as if he were resident here and entitled to all allowances his in those circumstances. He then has to bear same proportion of this tax as income which arises in this country bears to total income. If he has suffered more than this balance is refunded. Application for claim form should be addressed to Chief Inspector (Claims), Cornwall House, Stamford Street, E.C.1.

WALL STREET WEAK.

FURTHER DECLINE IN RAILS.

ALLIED CHEMICAL SHARES DEPRESSED.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Business at the opening of to-day's session was irregular, but the market quickly became heavy in very dull trading with Steels and Utilities meeting most of the light pressure. Bethlehem Steel, American Telephone and Telegraph, North American, American Power and Light, New York Consolidated Gas, Atchison Topeka, and Sears Roebuck receded a point or more, while Allied Chemical lost 3 points. The decline continued and losses ranged from 1 to 5 points, with Rails again conspicuously heavy.

Merchandising organisations reported that retail trade was showing no more improvement than expected, while reports that there has been some necessitous selling during the past few trading sessions dampened any cheer which might have been gained from the limited rally at yesterday's close. Reports from the Youngstown Steel area were encouraging, owing to improvement in sheet steel orders from automobile manufacturers. Further heaviness in gasoline prices complicated the already disturbed petroleum situation, but crude prices seemed to be holding fairly steady.

The tendency at the close was weak. Erie Railroad, Case Threshing Machine, Youngstown Sheet and Tube, American Telephone and Telegraph, Sears Roebuck, and American Power and Light declined from 2 to 4 points, and Eastman Kodak, and Allied Chemical each lost 5.

Government Bonds steady. Railroad Bonds easy. The day's sales totalled 717,000 shares. Money on call nominal. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ⅜c. down at 33¾.—Reuter.

FRACTIONAL LOSSES ON CURB.

NO NORANDA MINES DIVIDEND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Yesterday's decline was resumed with prices finishing generally at the day's low levels. Electric Bond and Share lost more than one point, while other active Utilities declined fractionally.

Of mines, Noranda dropped nearly 4 points in response to the omission of the quarterly dividend, but Newmont firmed slightly. Oils eased, but Vacuum was supported.

Among Investment issues, Goldman Sachs, United Founders, American Founders, and Shenandoah declined fractionally.

Eng. Equiv	Stocks.	Closing bid. Sat.	Fri.
18 11/16	Associated Gas and Electric A.	18⅛	18½
25¼	Brazilian Traction Light & Power	24½	24¾
18 7/16	Cities Service	17⅞	18⅝
3⅞	Creole Oil	3¾	3⅝
45 3/16	Electric Bond and Share	43⅞	45¼x
13⅞	Electric Shareholding 6 p.c. Pref.	13½	75
28 [illegible]	Ford (Canada) voting "A"	28	22
17⅞	Imperial Oil of Canada	17⅜	17⅝
14 [illegible]	International Petroleum	14½	14½
19 [illegible]	Middle West Utilities	19	19¼
58 [illegible]	Newmont Mining	57	56½
10 [illegible]	Niagara Hudson Power Corporation	10⅝	10¾
6 [illegible]	Penn Road Corporation	6¾	6¾
7 [illegible]	Silica Gel. Corporation	7⅛	7⅛
37¾	Standard Oil of Indiana	36⅝	36⅝
	FOREIGN SECURITIES.		
5¼	Associated Electrical Industries	5⅛	5⅛
1 [illegible]	Bwana M'Kubwa	1¾	1¾
15 [illegible]	Ford (of England) £1 shares (fy.p.)	15⅝	15⅝
11 [illegible]	General Elect. Ord.*	11⅜	11⅛
26¾	Hydro-Electric	26	25⅞
2 [illegible]	Marconi Canada *b*	2⅜	2⅜
9½	Marconi Marine Ord.*	9¼	9¼
13½	Roan Antelope *a*	13⅛	13⅜

* American Deposit Receipt.
a Receipt represents four English shares.
b Warrants for Shares Sold

COTTON QUIET.

CHANGES IN QUOTATIONS SLIGHT.

EXCLUSIVE CABLE TO THE "SUNDAY TIMES."

NEW YORK, Saturday.

With little new business and trading mainly of an evening-up character preparatory to the annual report on Monday, prices changed but slightly under the smallest transactions of the year.

The general price reduction in important print makes this week has served to emphasise the necessity for continuing the existing curtailment schedule on the part of the mills in this country, while the reports from most foreign countries indicate steadily increasing unemployment which holds out little promise of any immediate textile expansion.

The certificated stocks have passed the million mark, showing an increase of 200,000 bales in the past two months. Considering the supply available with spinners taking 1,400,000 bales less than last year and the visible quantity of all kinds of cotton is virtually 10,000,000 bales, it is evident that the load increases steadily.

The annual report of the Farm Board says that 70,000,000 dollars were advanced to the Co-operative Associations up to June 30, and 15,000,000 dollars additional to the stabilisation corporation. The chairman reviews the failure to hold the prices of grain and cotton, and adds that having once embarked in the "Futures" market it becomes difficult to find a good place to stop.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Cotton opened steady and 4 points up to unchanged. Trading was small, and consisted largely of evening-up, with no decided price trend, although the undertone was steady. Operators appeared to be awaiting the Bureau report. The closing was steady, with old contracts 5 points to 1 down, and new deliveries 3 up to 3 down. Spot quiet at 5 points gain.

At New Orleans futures opened generally 2 points up, and closed 2 points higher to 1 lower. Spot finished unchanged.

Highest and lowest prices in the last 30 seconds of trading:—December, 10.41-10.41; January, 10.42-10.42. New Contracts.—December, 10.39-10.39; January, 10.45-10.42; February, 10.56-10.56; March, 10.74-10.73; April, 10.85-10.85; May, 10.98-10.97; June, 11.06-11.06; July, 11.16-11.16; August, 11.22-11.22; September, 11.28-11.28; October, 11.34-11.33. Spot Middling at New York, 10.50.

Highest and lowest prices in the last minute of trading at New Orleans: Dec., 10.35-10.35; Jan., 10.45-10.44. Spot middling at New Orleans, 10.11.—Reuter.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

Spot report.—Americans were in small demand, and prices receded 2 points. Brazilians marked 2 points down. Egyptians quiet: "Extra Fine" unchanged, and other Sakellaridis 10 points lower. Uppers declined one point. Pilion unchanged. East Indians rose 5 points.

Spot Quotations.—American Middling, 5.68; Brazilian Pernam Maceio, etc., fair, 5.68; Egyptian Sakellaridis f.g.f., 8.55; East Indian M.G. Broach good, f.g., 4.25, fine, 4.45; Tinnevelly f.g.f., 5.20 5.40; M.G. Oomra good, 3.65, f.g. 3.85, fine 4.05; M.G. Bengal good, 3.45, f.g. 3.60, fine 3.75.

American Futures opened about one point higher, despite some Continental selling of distants. Values hardened under the influence of trade buying of nears. Close was steady at 2 to 3 points advance.

Egyptian contracts, although advices from Alexandria were of a poor character, prices were comparatively steady. Sakellaridis lost 6 points, Upper December improved a point with the rest of the list one point down, except for November, which was exceptionally 6 points lower.

Closing American futures:—Dec., 5.50; Jan., 5.54; Feb., 5.59; March, 5.65; April, 5.70; May, 5.76; June, 5.80; July, 5.86; Aug., 5.89; Sept., 5.92; Oct., 5.98; Nov., 6.01; Dec., 6.04; Jan. (1932), 6.08. Egyptian.—Dec., 7.77; Jan., 7.77; March, 7.87; May, 8.02; July, 8.17; Sept., 8.32; Nov., 8.47. Upper.—Dec., 6.14; Jan., 6.22; March, 6.35; May, 6.49; July, 6.63; Sept., 6.75; Nov., 6.83.—Reuter.

CANADA'S INDUSTRIES.

The first of what promises to be a very interesting and instructive series of booklets on the manufacturing industries of the British Empire overseas has just been issued by Erlangers, the bankers, of 4, Moorgate, E.C.2. Part I., which covers Canada, gives a short history of manufacturing industry in the Dominion and contains five graphs, showing essentials of the manufacturing position, as well as a detailed analysis of the country's industries. The appearance of the volume is especially opportune at a time when the future fiscal policy of Great Britain is exciting considerable interest at home and abroad.

AMERICAN PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Coffee was steady at the opening and five to six points higher. The market advanced early on covering and trade and Brazilian buying; then liquidation and European selling developed owing to lower Brazilian cost and freight offers. The close was easy, with Rio contracts unchanged to seven points down and Santos grades thirteen points lower to a point dearer. Spot easy, with prices unaltered. Rio No. 7, 7⅛; Santos No. 4, 10¾. Futures basis Rio No. 7. Closing options: Dec., 6.42; Jan., 5.95; March, 5.62; May, 5.50; July, 5.42; Sept., 5.35; Oct., 5.35. Futures basis Santos No. 4: Dec., 9.50; Jan., 9.07; March, 8.88; May, 8.71; July, 8.60; Sept., 8.50.

Cocoa.—Spot, 5⅞. Futures closed steady, two to six points higher. Closing options: Dec., 5.77; Jan., 5.82; March, 6.02; May, 6.23; July 6.43; Sept., 6.60.

Sugar.—Futures market was slightly easier, due to liquidation and commission-house selling, but offerings were light. At the close prices were 2 points down to unchanged, and the tone steady. Spot finished steady and unaltered; 96 Test Centrifugal Cuban Local Spot, 3.40. Closing options:—Dec., 1.31; Jan. 1.32; March, 1.41; May, 1.49; July, 1.56; Sept., 1.62; Oct., 1.63; Dec. (1931), 1.68.

Rubber Outside Prices, quieter, but steadier. First Latex Crepe Spot, 9⅛ buyers; Smoked Ribbed Sheets Spot, 9⅜ buyers, 9½ sellers; January-February-March, 9⅝ buyers; April-May-June, 9¾ buyers, 10 sellers. Rubber Exchange of New York (Closing) Contract "A," steady 10 points up to unchanged:—December, 9.30; January, 9.30; March, 9.50; May, 9.70; July, 10.00; September, 10.10. Sales, 10 lots.

Wheat: Manitoba easy 1 c. down, Winter Wheats steady ⅛ c. up to ⅛ c. down. No. 1 Northern Manitoba Spot, 75½; No. 2 Hard Winter, 92⅛; No. 2 Red Winter, 95½.

Flour: Steady. Spring Clears 100 per cent., 4.15 to 4.50.

Petroleum: Steady. Kerosene Standard White, in cases for export f.o.b. New York, nominal; barrels, for export f.o.b. New York, nominal; barrels, for export f.o.b. Philadelphia, nominal. Mid-Continent Crude 33 to 33.9, Baume at Well 85 cents. Pennsylvania shares, 1.45 to 1.85.—Reuter.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

Wheat opened steady with old contracts ⅜c. up to unchanged, and new ¼c. to ⅜c. higher. The closing was easy, old contracts being ⅛c. up to ¼c. down, and new deliveries ⅜c. up to 1¼c. lower. Closing options: December, 77⅛; March, 78⅝ to 78½; May, 81⅛ to 81. New contracts: December, 77⅜; March, 78¾ May, 81½; July, 73¼ to 73⅜.

Lard opened steady, but ruled lower in sympathy, with easiness in hogs and grains. The closing was easy, with futures 2½ to 12½ points lower. Spot declined 2½ points. Prime Western Steam Spot, 10.00. Closing Options: Dec., 10.00; Jan., 9.55; March, 9.52½; May, 9.55.—Reuter.

WINNIPEG WHEAT.

WINNIPEG, Saturday.

Wheat opened steady ⅛c. to ⅜c. dearer, but soon reacted, owing to the very poor response of foreign markets to advices of rains in North Argentina and parts of Australia, where harvesting is under way. Much milder temperatures over the whole of the north-west, together with Liverpool advices stating that a great deal of the unsold Russian wheat remains in store in England, influenced further recessions. Larger carlot movements assisted the decline and the market closed easy 1⅜c to 1c. down. Closing Options. December, 58½; May, 63½; July, 65.

Rye.—Steady ⅜c. up to ¼c. down; Dec., 32; May, 36⅛; July, 37¾.

Oats.—Easier ⅜c. to ⅝c. lower: December, 27¼; May, 29⅞; July, 30⅜.

Barley.—Easy ⅝c. to ⅞c. lower. December, 25¾; May, 30; July, 31½.—Reuter.

NEW YORK METALS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The following quotations are supplied by Messrs. C. S. Trench and Co.:—

Copper.—Steady. Lake Spot delivered consuming points in Middle West, 11.31 asked; Electrolytic Spot delivered Connecticut Valley, 11.25 asked; f.a.s. New York prompt delivery, 11.25 asked; f.a.s. New York 30-90 days, 11.25 asked; Casting f.o.b. New York Refinery, 11.00 asked.

Straits Tin.—Steady spot and January 5 points lower. Spot and Nearby New York, 25.40; Future option, January, 25.50.

Lead.—Steady and unchanged. Spot New York, 5.10; Spot East St. Louis, 4.95.

Zinc.—Steady and unaltered. Spot East St. Louis, 4.15.

Silver.—Bar, 33¾.

Platinum.—Pure Refined Spot, 33.00 dollars.

Aluminium.—98-99 per cent. Spot New York, 22⅞ cents.

Nickel.—Ingot Spot New York, 35 cents.

Tin Plates.—Box f.o.b. Pittsburg basis, 5.25.

Pig Iron.—Steady.—Northern No. 2 Plain f.o.b. furnace Eastern Pennsylvania, 18.89; No. 2 Plain Buffalo delivery Boston, 21.16.

Copper.—The U.S. Copper Export Association quotes Copper c.i.f. Hamburg, 12.30.—Reuter.

"SUNDAY TIMES" NEW YORK CLOSING PRICES

RAILROADS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
188½	Atchison	183	185⅞	82⅛	Illinois Central	79¾	80	54 5/16	Northern Pacific	52¾	52¾
122 3/16	Atlantic C. L.	119	119½	10 [illegible]	Int. R. C. Am.	10½	10½	107⅞	Pennsylvania	59⅛	59½
73⅝	Baltimore & O.	71½	72½	41 5/16	Kans. City S.	40⅛	40⅛	91 11/16	Reading	89	89½
43⅞	Can. Pac. (New)	42⅝	42⅝	97 [illegible]	Louisvl. & Nash.	95	96⅛	54 1/16	S. Louis S. Fran.	52½	55
42⅝	Ches. & Ohio	41⅜	41⅞	¾	Mex. Nat. 1st Pf.	¾ *a*	¾ *c*	25¼	St. Louis S.W.	24½	26
6 [illegible]	Chic. G. West.	6¾	7	⅜	Do. 2nd Pref.	⅜ *b*	⅜ *d*	⅝	Sea. Air Line	⅝	¾
24 3/16	Do. Prfd.	23½	23	20¾	Missri. K. & Tex.	20⅛	20⅞x	101 7/16	Southern Pacific	98½	99¾
6 11/16	Chic. Mil. St. P.	6½	6¾	73⅜	Do. Pref.	71¼	71¼x	62 5/16	Southern Rly.	60½	61⅛
10 11/16	Do. Pref.	10⅜	10½	28 3/16	Missouri Pacific	27¾	27½	187 7/16	Union Pacific	182	183
60½	Chic. Rock Is.	58¾	58x	103¼	Do. Pref.	100¼	100¼	15 7/16	Wabash New	15	17
26½	Erie	25¾	28	128⅜	N.Y. Central	124⅝	125⅝	44 5/16	Do. Pref. A.	43	43½
37 1/16	Do. 1st Pf.	36	38	82⅜	New Haven	80	81x				
63⅞	Gt. Nthn. Pf.	62	63½	207 [illegible]	Norfolk & West	201¾	202¼	15 7/16d.	Silver	33¾	34⅛

a Bid, 1½ asked. *b* Bid, ½ asked. *c* Bid, 1½ asked, *d* Bid, ½ asked.

INDUSTRIALS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
104 3/16	Air Reduction	101⅛	102½	161 [illegible]	Eastman Kodak	156½	160	121 3/16	National Lead	118	118
205	Allied C. and Dye	199	202	58 [illegible]	Elec. Stor. Bat.	56½	56	57 11/16	[illegible]ti Elevator	56	56¼
117 3/16	Am. Can	113⅜	115¼	31 [illegible]	Fox Film "A"	30⅞	31¼	9⅜	[illegible]ackar Motors	9⅛	9¼
29¼	Am. Loco.	28⅜	28½	48 3/16	Gen. Electric	47⅛	47⅞	44	Paramount Publix	42¾	43½x
19 3/16	Am. Radiator	19	19⅜	53 1/16	Gen. Foods Cor.	51½	51⅜	60¾	Pullman Co.	59	59½
35⅛	Am. Rolling Mills	34⅛	34	35 [illegible]	Gen. Motors	34¾	35⅛	18⅛	Remington Tpe.	17⅝	17¾
52¼	Am. Smelt. & R.	50¾	50⅞	33 3/16	Gillette Razor	32¼	31¾	17¾	Republic I. & S.	17¼	17⅝
49 7/16	Am. Sugar Ref.	48	46¾x	19 3/16	Goodrich B. F.	18⅝	19	45 [illegible]	Reynold Tob. B.	44⅛	44½
107⅝	Am. Tobac. "B"	104½	107	23 7/16	Hudson Motors	22¾	23½	52¼	Sears-Robk.	51	52⅝
35 [illegible]	Anaconda	34⅞	35⅛	183 5/16	Ingersoll Rand	178	178	8 3/16	Stan. Brands	18	18¾
42¾	Atlantic Gulf	41½	41½	58 [illegible]	Int. Harvester	57¼	58	23 3/16	Studebaker Cn.	22½	22½
25⅜	Baldwin Loco.	24⅝	24¾x	65⅛	Int. Match Pref.	63¼	64	52	Tex. Gf. Sul.	50½	51
61 11/16	Bethlem. Steel	59⅞	61⅜	18 11/16	Intern. Nickel	18⅛	18¼	61¼	Union Carbide	59½	60⅜
13⅞	Celanese of Am.	13½	14	7 7/16	Intern. Paper "A"	7¼	7¼	28 7/16	United Aircraft	27⅝	28½
27 [illegible]	Cerro de Pasco	27	27	28 1/16	Kennecott Cop.	27¼	27⅜x	18 7/16	United Corp.	17⅞	18¼
30⅞	Chile Copper	30	30	24⅞	Kreuger & Toll	24⅛	23⅞	65⅝	United Fruit	63¾	65x
17⅜	Chrysler Motor	16⅞	17⅛	59¾	Lehman Corp.	58	58⅛	63⅞	U.S. In. Alcohol	62	63
10 [illegible]	Columbia Graph.	10½	10½	85½	Liggett Myers	83	83⅜	14 3/16	U.S. Rubber	14⅛	14⅜
49 [illegible]	Cont. Can	48½	49⅝	57 11/16	Loew's Incor.	56	57	146⅝	U.S. Steel	142⅜	143⅝
79 1/16	Corn Prod. Rf.	76¾	78⅛	42⅞	Mack Trucks	41⅝	41⅜	150⅜	Do. Pref.	146	146
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COURT II. (Scrutton, Greer, and Romer, L.JJ.).—At 10.30: Appeal Motions—Expte.—From K.B. and Admlty. Divns.—Appeals.—From K.B.D.—F. and N. T. List.)—Harrington v. W. S. Shuttleworth and Co.—appln. of Defts. for judgt. or new trial (pt. hd.); Smith v. Davenport Bros.—appl. of Defts. from order of Branson, J. (in Chambers); Brown v. Hall, Beddall and Co.

Chancery Division.

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COURT II. (Luxmoore, J.).—In Court (as Chmbrs.).—At 10.30: Chmbr. Smnses.—Chief Master Hulbert.—With Counsel.—Re Bowes, dec. (Cox v. Bowes). Without Counsel.—Re Lamont, inf.; re Maddox, inf. To follow Chief Master.—A to D.—Master Chitty.—With Counsel.—Fraser v. Matthews; re Fraser's Settlmt. Trusts (Hanson v. Fraser) and re Hunter's Sttlmt. Trusts (Hanson v. Hunter); re Vaughan's Sttlmt. Trusts (Rixon v. Robinson); re Drew's Will Trusts (Corber v. Bulmer); re Cafe Royal (Bank of England v. the Co.). Without Counsel.—Re Dodgshun's Policy Trusts, re Married Women's Property Act, 1870; re Bullard and Sons, re Companies Act, 1929; British Thomson-Houston Co. v. Shelley; Same v. Mitchell; re Brabham, dec. (Robinson v. Brabham); re Calver, dec. (Owles v. Mobbs). To follow A to D Divn.—E to K.—Master Holland.—With Counsel.—Re Joseph, dec. (A. R. Barton and Co. v. Levinson); re Harding's Trusts (Harding v. Reeves); re Glenn, dec. (Glenn v. Cummings); re Hammack, dec. (Hammack v. McLean); re Howe, dec. (Howes v. Arnold); H. E. P. Patents v. Benjamin; re Eden's Sttld. Estates (Eden v. Fogg-Elliott). Without Counsel.—Re Felberman, dec. (Westminster Bank v. Felberman). To follow E to K Divn.—S to Z.—Master Mosse.—With Counsel.—Re Smith's Trusts; re Wright, dec. (Wright v. Wright); Walker v. Jones (re Soutry, inf. Without Counsel.—Re Sheridan's Sttlmt.; Summerfield v. Cheshire. To follow S to L Dvn.—L to R.—Master Watkin Williams.—With Counsel.—Re Bushby Heirlooms; re Maitland's Sttlmt. Trusts; Mullard Radio Valve Co. v. Lissen Without Counsel.—Re Robert Deuchar. Adjd. from Court into Chmbrs.—Re Daniels, dec. (Public Trustee v. Daniels).

COURT III. (Clauson, J.).—At 10.30: Sitting in Bnkrptcy.—Motions.—Re Shaw, H.—expte. F. Stuart v. F. S. Salaman, Trustee; Jonesco, B.—expte. D. G. Hall v. the Trustees; re Offenbach, H.—expte. P. Phillips, Trustee of the Estate of J. A. Katz v. F. R. Bushell, Trustee of the Estate of H. Offenbach; re Bathurst, W. H.—expte. F. C. H. Bathurst v. Trustee and Midland Bank.

COURT V. (Maugham, J.).—At 10.30: In Court (as Chmbrs.).—Smnses.—Burnards (established 1899), Burnard v. Burnards (established 1899) and ors.; Browns' Dryers. In Court.—Petns. (unopposed first).—To wind up.—Style and Mantle; Harry Zackheim and Sons; House Builders' Association; Central Industrial Securities; Charles Finegold; Peter Jackson; Asbestos and Holdings Trust; Winchester Wharves; Operators; Paris Trades; Mail Printing and Stationery Co.; Mobile and General Insurance Co.; Ice-Drome Hammersmith; Albert E. Marriott; Mark Lee and Co.; Arnold Williams and Co.; Wyatt Brothers and Co.; Syntok Talking Films; Clapham Fine Art Co. Not before 11.30: To confirm redtn. of capital.—Brookes and Crookes (pt. hd.); British Woollen Cloth Manufacturing Co.; Rezende Mines; Cook Son and Co. (St. Paul's). To sanct. sch. of arrngt.—Charles Finegold. To sanct. sch. of arrgt. and confirm redn. of capital.—Hardebeck and Bornhardt. To restore name to register.—Smyrna Races and Sports. For payment out of fund in Court.—British Surety Insnce. Co. Adjd. Smnses.—Foundation Co.—British Steamship Investment Trust v. Foundation Co.; Pre-Tan (appn. of C. A. Midgley).

COURT IV. (Farwell, J.).—At 10.30: Witness List.—Part II.—Lamson Paragon Supply Co. v. Carter Davis.

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COURT IV. (McCardie, J.).—At 11: Common Juries.—Hall v. Heston and Isleworth U.D.C.; Soman v. Internatl. Cinematograph Corp.; Evans v. Way.

COURT VI. (MacKinnon, J.).—At 10.30: Non-Jury.—Planter v. Martin (pt. hd.). Order XIV., Rule 8A.—Barclays Bank v. Shaw and Polton; Lowden and Thompson v. Selfe.

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COURT V. (Charles, J.).—At 10.30: Non-Juries.—Casebourne v. Frush; Shaw's Agency and anr. v. Spikesman.

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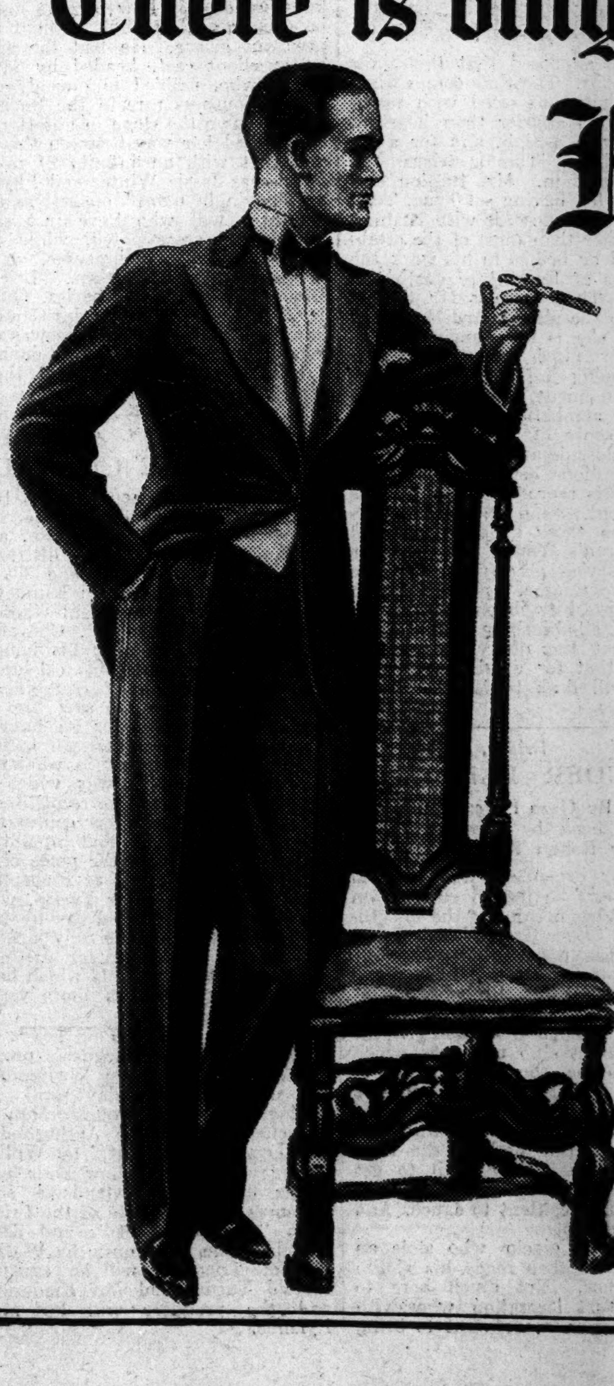

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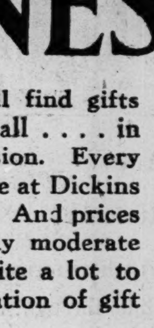

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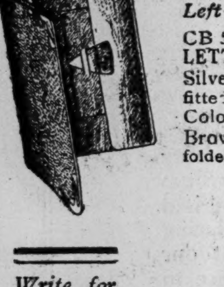

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"EVER GREEN."

A Musical Show. Book by Benn W. Levy, Lyrics by Lorenz Hart, Music by Richard Rodgers.

To pretend that this lovely thing is a musical comedy is to evade truth, since Mr. Cochran's latest sophistication takes after its inept model about as little or as much as Man resembles his first progenitor. There is every indication that our artist-showman set to work in good faith even to the extent of asking Mr. Benn Levy to produce the most strenuously inane idea which could l conceived as emanating from the human cranium. Mr. Levy also began loyally enough. He conceived the notion of Miss Jessie Matthews failing to enchant as a revue-star of twenty-three but winning to fame by pretending to be sixty. Add a young man sempiternally enamoured of, but at cross-purposes with, the wintry lady, and the blissful farrago was complete. Heaven knows from what limbo Mr. Levy lured this lunacy! Possibly from Sir Arthur Pinero's slightly modified:—"There can be no valid objection to a girl becoming an old woman at any moment she, with the sympathetic assistance of nature, selects." However, there the theme was in all its vacancy. The only thing left was to protract witlessness to the length of a musical-comedy book, and hire a few lyrics and as much sounding brass and tinkling cymbal as modern jazz demands. This was done. "Calloo!" chortled the organiser of these revels. "Callay!" chortled back his henchman. The Albert Hall echoed them frabjously.

Colour, and Again Colour.

Then the two devils of Mr. Cochran's artistry and Mr. Levy's wit got together to suggest that a revolving-stage would be none the worse for a few ideas to revolve along with it. I take it that it was Mr. Levy's notion to begin with a beauty-competition in the Albert Hall, whereby the proceedings started with an aldermanic oration which might have been the very thing itself. "Under this roof," boomed the chairman in Paddington's choicest frock-coat and accents, "which has seen so many contests won on fouls more glorious than any in history. . ." From that moment we knew that the imbecile game was up, and that both Mr. Cochran and Mr. Levy, adding to themselves the musicianly Mr. Rodgers, intended to give us what they liked instead of pandering to received taste which is the one royal road to failure. I shall attempt no further allotment of responsibility. Somebody had the exquisite inspiration of engaging for the star's mother, masquerading as daughter, not one of your rough-and-tumble "ugly sister" viragoes but that impeccable artist, Miss Jean Cadell. Somebody had the entirely right notion that to keep this part "straight" would throw other absurdity into greater relief. Miss Cadell held her course throughout the piece with the nicest sense of how much depended upon her. To a succession of incidents which might have staggered Cleopatra she presented a front of withered circumspection which knew not amazement and leaped to allowances. Asked point-blank by a devotee of Eros in a blue pea-jacket whether she had ever been in love, Miss Cadell put her head on one side and chirped: "Yes. But quite nicely, of course!" This artist's "opposite number" was Mr. Leon Morton, and between them the pair ran away with the piece, or would have done if the scenery and dresses had not nailed it to that steadfast if revolving stage.

Mr. Cochran, to continue the theory of undiluted responsibility, obviously saw his theme with that inward eye which is the bliss of multitude. Calling together Professor Ernst Stern and Mesdames Peacock, Calthrop, and Zinkeisen, he determined to treat Miss Matthews to a tour of music-halldom as the latest French painters might "see" it. Thus we had in "A Rehearsal at the Casino des Folies," a canvas of perfect enchantment, which in "The Interior of a Tent at Neuilly Fair" gave place to an illustration from "Les Frères Zemganno." After this came "Neuilly Fair" itself, infinite riches in obviously little room, a twirling feat of kaleidoscopic jugglery.

Next the scene entitled "The New Master," in which a roysterer looking for the Maison Tellier found himself at a seminary for English young ladies. I object to this scene because parents may rightly object to it, because it is insufficiently funny, and because it is taken without acknowledgment from a tiny story by Maupassant. I invite Mr. Cochran to substitute something else before the Christmas holidays. The Finale of the first part, "La Synthèse de la Belle de Soixante Ans," perfectly reproduced the thistledown sumptuosities of the Folies-Bergère, and, indeed, the whole show brilliantly captured the note and spirit of Paris. One felt that one would sup not in the Strand, but in the Place Blanche It would be tedious to continue in this cataloguing, and I shall prefer to recall that it was in the second half that Miss Cadell, encountering Mr Morton who had been robbed of his trousers, placidly announced her decision to march with the times!

A New Comedian.

It must not be supposed that this show is nothing but colour. The time comes when Mr. Cochran, deeming us sated with satins tulip-green and silks angrier than heart of volcano, desists with a sigh, and for a bit there is plain sailing. This is where Mr. Albert Burdon comes in. Mr. Burdon is a young comedian who, having set Tyne, Tees, and Trent on fire, now succeeds with Thames. He is nearly funnier than most of the established zanies, and he brings to his work the peculiar properties of Lancashire gusto and Yorkshire relish. Then there is Mr. Sonnie Hale, warming to the almost credible. Miss Matthews, when she is not dancing exquisitely, shows how much of variety may enliven the seeming infantile, and once, for a passionate moment, rises above curds and whey. The acrobatics of Chica, supported in every sense of the word by the three Messrs. Carlos, demonstrate the superficiality of our notions concerning gravity, and the Tiller Girls reproduce their miracle of perfect alignment. Juno, to use a vulgarism, had little on those lilies of the field yclept Mr. Cochran's Young Ladies, Miss Joyce Barbour hovers gracefully upon the fringe of the programme, and Miss Jean Barry and Mr. Dave Fitzgibbon complete an entertainment so all-absorbing that I have no notion of what the new theatre looks like. I take it that for a whole year the London public will flock to Mr. Cochran's ever-green pastures.

Savoy. Friday, December 5.

"WONDER BAR."

A Musical Play. By Geza Herczeg and Karl Farkas. English book by Rowland Leigh. Music by Robert Katscher.

This gay, deftly organised, and unusual entertainment should be judged entirely on its own merits. It has nothing of the smooth-flowing beauty of "Ever Green," just as Mr. Cochran's show has none of M. Charlot's staccato incitements to first this little phase of interest and then that. Probably everybody knows by this time how at the Savoy Theatre stall-floor is added to stage to give the impression of a night club in a city which would appear to be somewhere East of Vienna It took a little time for audience and actors to establish contact; the absence of the curtain seemed on the whole to diminish intimacy. But perhaps the first-act material did not greatly avail to get everybody going. Too many little ladies sang who should have been content to dance. And then there was the plot.

This concerned a gigolo who stole an emerald necklace and then made his victim his dancing partner. Not much here to bring about all that laceration wherewith musical comedy heroines are wont to bring down the threnodic, half-way curtain. Perhaps, as there was no curtain, it was held that tameness might suffice. At this point the play seemed heading for only mediocre success, since even Mr. Brisson, though his station was that of the herald Mercury, had not fired the house. It is convenient, perhaps, to say here that this actor may safely challenge comparison with any known enchanter. Mr. Chevalier has a charm the like of which, we are told, is not to be found again within the confines of the solar system. Good! But Mr. Brisson, take him for all in all, from his cherubic pate to his god-like fists and twinkling feet, has not his peer this side Orion. Also good! He, too, has modesty, and with it a faculty of ingratiation second to none. "But for vacancy," said Enobarbus, "the air had gone to gaze on Cleopatra too, and made a gap in nature." But for vacancy at the Dominion every member of that audience must have besieged the Savoy, and *vice versa*.

The second act, to which one must soberly return, for a time threw over the play in order to permit Miss Ethel Baird to delight us with a burlesque dance, Miss Norah Blaney and Miss Gwen Farrar to make investigation into the ways of insects and bull-fighters, and Mr. Giovanni to conjure. Hereabouts Mr. Dick Francis, as one of the choicer and lusher spirits, was extremely amusing. Then, when we thought the play was over, it took a good-sized leaf out of "Bitter-Sweet." Already Miss Dorothy Dickson had by her dancing set us wishing that she might ever do nothing but that; now she showed us something of a gift for simple feeling unlooked for in this bright medley. The end of the play, then, found the audience holding a very different opinion from that it had held at half-time Mr. Joseph Greenwald bound the show together with his admirable Jewish witticisms, and the production was as slick as slick could be. The music was unusually tuneful in places, and, in short, there cannot be any doubt about this play's success. It pleased every attitude of brow.

Prince of Wales. Tuesday, December 2.

"THE QUEEN BEE."

A Comedy. Adapted from the French of Andre Paul Antoine by José G. Levy.

How the Censor, while adhering to his ban upon Strindberg's "Fräulein Julie," should permit the second scene in the second act of this play is one of those things which it is impossible to understand. In my view the public is, in the long run, the best of all censors. But I cannot see why, if a ban is placed upon a serious work of art dealing with sex, it should not also be imposed upon the flippant exposition of that fretful question. The objectionable scene deals, to put it bluntly, with the pathological results of excess, and shows how the Queen Bee's lover, faced with the doctor's recommendation to displease his mistress and live, elects for the contrary. Though this scene may and should not revolt the adult, it is possible that young girls will regret having brought their mothers. The difficulty would be met, I think, by a halfway ban insisting upon adult audiences only, for I agree that it would be intolerable if concern for the schoolgirl should dictate what plays we may or may not see.

The whole point of the play is to show how a certain type of woman sends three men to the churchyard, and the whole bite of the entertainment consists in the conversations of the trio emerging from their tombs. The piece has that peculiar tang which the French find in the association of ideas which other taste will keep apart—the rigours of passion and that other rigour of death. Miss Iris Hoey gives an extremely clever impersonation of the overwhelming lady, and if London were Paris I should have nothing to say in this witty play's disfavour. But London isn't Paris, and whether it should or should not be I am unable to determine!

Comedy. Thursday, December 4.

"TWELVE HOURS."

A Comedy. By John Willard.

Mr. John Willard successfully pursues what would appear to be a settled theory of thrillers. This theory, briefly, is to pile one horror upon another without any care for the bathos which attends overcrowding. Then at the moment when we are about to say: "This is nonsense!" he will trot out some wilful absurdity as retreat from the old and cover for the new assault. There came a time in this play when, with a stage littered with bodies and a garage off-stage accommodating two more, we were about to decline belief in this shambles. According to plan, protest was forestalled when a witty lady, whisking in crimson tulle through a shooting-box in what appeared to be the Rocky Mountains, said triumphantly: "I have had about enough of this slaughter-house!"

Occasionally in this play the two methods got a little mixed, and one could not gauge the exact degree of seriousness in the villain's statement to the lady he proposed to subdue to sinister purpose: "All I shall demand from you is dignified acquiescence!" But, broadly speaking, the play followed upon the lines established in the same author's "The Cat and the Canary," and I shall say that in "Twelve Hours" Mr. Willard has once more brought off the feat of writing with the cat's tongue in the canary's cheek.

Mr. Reginald Bach rendered his author admirable service in giving some probable colour to events wholly impossible. But then Mr. Bach has the happy knack of knowing exactly how far the unskilful may be encouraged to laugh without making the judicious grieve. He had the assistance of an excellent cast, headed by Miss Martita Hunt, who, mobled in queenly gowns of a scrumptiousness rare in the Rockies, ambled up and down the stage in unfettered delirium and picked her way between this blood-stain and that with an infinity of jest. Clever Mesdames Jessie Winter and Phyllis Thomas self-denyingly moped on settees as feminine creatures will who have just seen half a house-party assassinated, while in various corners, alcoves, embrasures, on stairs and behind curtains, Messrs. Eric Maturin, Douglas Burbidge, Charles Quartermaine, D. J. Williams, and Charles Carson dutifully bayed. Mr. Hugh Williams was capital as a good-tempered watch-dog to innocence, and I have forgotten to say that the play was largely about a diamond.

Dominion. Monday, December 1.

MAURICE CHEVALIER.

Mr. Melville Gideon and his Band, Veloz and Yolanda who dance, the Twenty-four Mangan-Tillerettes who gyrate, a lady contortionist who might have distressed us less if she had stood still and let the stage revolve, and an Oriental Fantasy as Hollywood conceives the Orient—these were the luscious preludes to Mr. Chevalier. *Enfin Malherbe vint*, wearing his famous dinner-jacket and straw-hat, his celebrated charm, and an intimation of chubbiness we had not noticed when we saw him last. Mr. Chevalier proceeded for an hour to deliver French songs and American inanities. Our visitor is a great artist in what is obviously a small way, and a way which can never become greater until he recognises that even Yvette Guilbert used her genius to illustrate the possession of that quality in her librettists. Not only the poets of the gutter but also such masters as Richepin, Donnay, and Lorrain wrote for Yvette, whereas Mr. Chevalier, left high and dry by Hollywood's song-dispensers, has to rely upon his high spirits and a capacity for getting likeableness across the footlights which has not been exceeded by artists of more varied accomplishment.

Madame Lydia Lopokova's programme at the Arts Theatre from Wednesday next to the following Tuesday will comprise—Prologue: "The Young Man and the Preacher" (from the Authorised Version); "A Lover's Complaint," by William Shakespeare; a ballet, "Follow Your Saint," with music by John Dowland; a scene from "Comus": the Debate of the Infernal Peers from "Paradise Lost"; and dances on a Scotch theme with music by William Boyce. Madame Lopokova will be assisted by Mr. Harold Turner and Mr. Frederick Ashton, and the producer will be Mr. George Rylands.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

THIS WEEK'S PREMIERES.

To-night.—Piccadilly: "Carl and Anna" (Venturers).
Holborn Empire: "In Abraham's Bosom" (Masses Stage and Film Guild).
Strand: Green Room Rag.
Dec. 8.—Players: "The Cathedral."
Embassy: "Black Coffee."
Dec. 9.—Royalty: "A Marriage Has Been Dis-arranged."
Gate: "Happy and Glorious."
Dec. 10.—Arts: Madame Lydia Lopokova.
Dec. 11.—Ambassadors: "To See Ourselves."

The usual Christmas productions will be with us in a few weeks. "Treasure Island," for one, which is to be revived by Miss Kyrle Bellew on Boxing Day for a three and a-half weeks' matinée season at the Prince of Wales's Theatre (which will not, of course, interfere with the run of "The Queen Bee"). Mr. Baliol Holloway will double the parts of Long John Silver and Blind Pew, played in the last revival by Mr. Robert Loraine. Mr Charles Groves will play his original parts of Black Dog and Ben Gunn. Miss May Beamish, as last year, will be Mrs. Hawkins, but the Jack Hawkins is not definitely decided upon. At the Holborn Empire "Where the Rainbow Ends" will once more be presented by Miss Italia Conti for a season of matinées beginning on December 22. This will be its eighth year at the Holborn Empire and its twentieth consecutive year of production. And "The Windmill Man" will open on Boxing Day at the Scala Theatre, which Mr. Bert Coote has secured for a month's season, the Victoria Palace not being available this year. Mr. Coote will himself, of course, play the Mad Gardener and Mr. Geoffrey Davies will be the Windmill Man.

Mr. Julian Wylie's pantomime "Aladdin," at the Dominion Theatre this Christmas, promises some spectacular scenes, including one in which, it is claimed, a full stage set will change to another full set in the tenth part of a second. Miss Ella Retford, Miss Nellie Wallace, Mr. Wallace Lupino, Miss Stella Browne, and Mr. Lupino Lane are the stars.

To-morrow the Embassy Repertory Theatre at Swiss Cottage presents a new piece by Mrs. Agatha Christie—"Black Coffee." The principal character will be Mrs. Christie's French detective, Hercule Poirot, who will be played by Mr. Francis L. Sullivan. The cast will also include Miss Judy Menteath, Miss Josephine Middleton, Mr. Wallace Evennett, Mr. Donald Wolfit, and Miss Joyce Bland. This play will run for the usual two weeks; and the Embassy Theatre Christmas play, "Carpet Slippers," by Mr. W. A. Darlington, will be produced on Christmas Eve.

At the Royalty Theatre on Tuesday Mr. Leon M. Lion will present "A Marriage Has Been Dis-arranged," a comedy by Leonard Ide. In the cast will be: Irene, Miss Mary Newcomb; Princess Sazanoff, Lady Tree; Mrs. Addison-Deane, Miss Margaret Cochran; Lily Alston, Miss Mary Hinton; Mara Sazanoff, Miss Betty Moore; Dorothy Martin, Miss Lindisfarne Hamilton; Tony Trentor, Mr. S. J. Warmington; Blair Alston, Mr. Algernon Mills; Hubert Grey, Mr. Marcus Barron; Hilary Martin, Mr. D. C. Lowndes; Peter, Mr. Leo Genn; and Alan Varrey, Mr. Brian Aherne. The action of the play takes place in the drawing-room of the Princess Sazanoff's house in a fashionable summer resort on the Bosphorus. Lady Tree and Miss Margaret Cochran (in private life Lady Grant) both make a welcome return to the London stage.

Mr. Wilfrid Walter will produce and play the leading parts in his own play "Happy and Glorious," which Peter Godfrey and Charles N. Spencer will present on Tuesday at the Gate Theatre. The author describes his play as a review of modern life from suffragette days to the present time. It is in sixteen scenes, starting and ending "On the Downs." Other scenes are Trafalgar Square, a Shop Window, a Prison Cell, an Army Parade Ground, a Café Behind the Lines (during the war), a Trench, a Tea-shop, a Cash Desk, and a Consulting Room. Although the play has a number of different characters, it is played by one actor and one actress (Miss Miriam Adams).

"To See Ourselves," Miss E. M. Delafield's play, which will be given at the Ambassadors on Thursday, is a light comedy concerning a middle-aged couple living an ordinary, humdrum life in Devonshire. Mr. Nicholas Hannen and Miss Marda Vanne as Mr. and Mrs. Allerton will remind play-goers of their partnership in "Many Waters," while the others in the cast are Miss Helen Spencer, Mr. Maurice Evans, and Miss Audrey Cameron.

At last the end of "The First Mrs. Fraser," at the Haymarket, is in sight. The run will finish on January 10 to enable Miss Marie Tempest to take a holiday of at least two months, after which she will rehearse for another Haymarket production. In the meantime, Mr. Henry Ainley and Miss Jeanne de Casalis will be seen there on January 14 in a romantic comedy of the early nineteenth century, by Booth Tarkington.

Miss Alice Delysia and Miss Violet Vanbrugh will both play in a new piece by Mr. Frederick Jackson, "A Pair of Trousers," which will be produced at the Criterion on December 23. Another actress will make her re-appearance in London early in the New Year—Miss Yvonne Arnaud, who will play the lead in Mr. J. B. Fagan's new comedy, "The Improper Duchess."

Mr. Ernest Jay and Miss Pamela Carme are to play the leading parts in "Lawrence Selwood's" comedy, "Merchant and Venus," which the Repertory Players will present at the Piccadilly Theatre next Sunday. Others in the cast are Miss Kathleen Harrison, Miss Katie Johnson, Miss Minnie Rayner, Miss Ruth Taylor, Mr. Clive Morton, and Mr. Sebastian Shaw. Mr. Ernest Thesiger is the producer.

Two important events will take place on the variety stage this week. One is that Sir Harry Lauder, after a three years' absence from England, will return to London audiences to-morrow, when he will be seen at the Palladium. The other is that Fräulein Ilse Bois, probably the first German "star" actress to appear on the English "halls" since the war, will appear at the Coliseum throughout the week.

The production of "Caviare" by the London Theatre Company at the Little Theatre has been postponed till Wednesday, partly owing to the non-delivery of scenery, which is of a unique character, and partly owing to the intervention of the Censor, which necessitated a rearrangement of the programme. The full revue, including the censored number (which was not censored on account of any impropriety in it!), will be given at the Little Theatre on a Sunday evening in the very near future for Associates of the London Theatre Company and their guests. The management will transfer all seats booked for last Friday to next Wednesday or any subsequent performance.

Tuesday week has been chosen for the Faculty Theatre's production of Anthony Armstrong's new play, "Full House." The cast consists of Mr. Tom Shelford, Miss Helen Gosse, Mr. Hugh Dempster, Mr. Michael Sheply, and Miss Molly Rankin.

The new romantic musical comedy at Drury Lane has now been given a title—"The Song of the Drum,"—and rehearsals are in full swing. Miss Helen Gilliland is to be the leading lady. Miss Gilliland was formerly a star in the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, and played opposite Mr. Derek Oldham. Another important addition to the cast is Allan Jeayes, who will take the part of the Ilkhani, the Prince who is at the head of the conspiracy against the British rule; while Mr. Brian Gilmour is also in the cast. Professor Stern is at present working on the scene in the Ilkhani's Palace, which is promised to rival, on a bigger scale, any of his stage picture in "Sumurun." D. P.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

The first broadcast performance of a new work by Delius will be giv n in the National programme to-day. This is the Third Sonata for Violin and Pianoforte, and it will be included in a recital by May Harrison and Arnold Bax. The sonata, which is in three short movements, was composed in the spring of this year, and is still in manuscript. It is dedicated to Miss Harrison. Dean Inge will be the eleventh contributor to the discussion on "Science and Religion."

NATIONAL (1,554.4 metres).

10.30-10.45 a.m.—Time and weather.
3.0.—Church Cantata (No. 70), Bach; Wachet, Betet (Watch and Pray); Megan Thomas (soprano), Gladys Ripley (contralto), Edward Reach (tenor), William Barrand (bass); Wireless Chorus B.B.C. Orchestra.
4.0.—The Sunday Schools as a World Force, by Sir Harold Mackintosh, from Leeds.
4.15.—Wireless Military Band; William Michael (bass).
5.15.—Recital by May Harrison (violin) and Arnold Bax (pianoforte).
5.45-6.15.—Science and Religion—11, by Rev. W. R. Inge.
8.0.—Studio Service: Address on Duty, by Rev. W. H. Elliott.
8.45.—Rev. W. G. Pennyman appeals for Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb.
8.50.—Weather and news.
9.5.—Tom Jones and Grand Hotel, Eastbourne, orchestra; Mavis Bennett (soprano), Tom Jones (violin solos), from Grand Hotel, Eastbourne.
10.30.—Epilogue.

LONDON NATIONAL (261.3 metres).

3.0-6.15.—National.
8.50-10.40.—National.

LONDON REGIONAL (356.3 metres).

3.30.—Gershom Parkington Quintet; Percy Heming (baritone), Sylvia Nelis (soprano).
5.0-5.15.—Bible Reading: The Letters of St. Paul—19, Titus.
6.30-7.45 app.—Service; Address by Rev. E. D. Jarvis, relayed from St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh.
8.0.—National.
8.50.—Weather and news.
9.5.—Orchestral Concert—7: B.B.C. Orchestra, conducted by Sir Henry Wood; Maggie Teyte (soprano), Helen Perkin (pianoforte).
10.30.—Epilogue.

MIDLAND REGIONAL (479.2 metres).

3.30.—Bernard Johnson (organ), Stanley Kaye (pianoforte) relayed from Albert Hall, Nottingham.
4.15.—Midland Studio Orchestra.
5.0-5.15.—London Regional.
8.0.—Service, conducted by Rev. W. B. Trewhella; Central Hall Choir, relayed from Central Hall, Birmingham.
8.45.—National.
8.50.—Weather and news.
9.5.—London Regional.
10.30.—Epilogue.

MANCHESTER (376.4 metres) and LEEDS (200 metres).—3.0.—National. 4.0.—Sir Harold Mackintosh: The Sunday Schools as a World Force. 4.15.—Northern Wireless Orchestra; Robert Donat (readings). 5.15-6.15.—National. 8.0.—Service: Address by Rev. Leslie D. Weatherhead, relayed from Brunswick Wesleyan Church, Leeds. 8.45.—National 9.5.—Northern Wireless Orchestra; Wilfred Firth (tenor). 10.30.—Epilogue.

NEWCASTLE, LIVERPOOL, BRADFORD, SHEFFIELD, HULL, and STOKE-ON-TRENT (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 8.0.-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

CARDIFF (309.9 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 8.0.—Service: Address by Rev. D. R. Jones relayed from Moorland Congregational Church, Weston-super-Mare. 8.45.—National. 9.5.—Cardiff Musical Society Concert: "The Kingdom" (Sir Edward Elgar), Elsie Suddaby (soprano), Gladys Palmer (contralto), Percy Manchester (tenor), Horace Stevens (baritone), Choir of Cardiff Musical Society; National Orchestra of Wales; relayed from Park Hall, Cardiff. 10.0.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue. 10.40-11.0.—Silent Fellowship.

SWANSEA (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 8.0.-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue. 10.40-11.0.—Cardiff.

BELFAST (242.3 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 6.30-7.45.—Edinburgh. 8.45.—National. 9.5.—Belfast Wireless Symphony Orchestra; Robert Maitland (bass). 10.30.—Epilogue.

BOURNEMOUTH (288.5 metres) and PLYMOUTH (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 8.0-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

GLASGOW (398.9 metres), ABERDEEN (301.5 metres), DUNDEE (288.5 metres), and EDINBURGH (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 6.30-7.45.—Service: Address by Rev. E. D. Jarvis, relayed from St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh. 8.45-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

DUBLIN (413 metres).—8.30.—Recital, including favourite scenes from Grand Opera.—May Busby (soprano), Enid Cruickshanks (contralto), Ben Williams (tenor), Leslie Jones (baritone), and Station Sextet—10.0.—No. 1 Army Band.

INTERESTING ITEMS THIS WEEK.

MONDAY.—3.50.—Gala matinee in aid of Denville Hall relayed from the London Hippodrome. 6.40.—Brahms's Pianoforte Quartets (also each evening). 7.45.—Vaudeville. 9.20.—"What's Wrong with the Theatre?"—a Discussion between Mr. Hugh Walpole and Mr. Osbert Sitwell (National).
9.0.—Orchestral Concert (London Regional and Midland).

TUESDAY.—8.0.—"The Milky Way," by Sir James Jeans. 9.40.—Theatrescope (National).
7.45.—Coleridge-Taylor Programme (London Regional)
6.40.—From the Operas (Midland).

WEDNESDAY.—3.30.—Symphony Concert from Bournemouth. 8.0.—B.B.C. Symphony Concert (National).
8.35.—Theatrescope (London Regional and Midland)

THURSDAY.—7.45.—B.B.C. Orchestra.
9.40.—Chamber Music (National).
8.45.—"The Winter's Tale" (London Regional and Midland).

FRIDAY.—7.45.—"The Winter's Tale."
9.50.—Gershom Parkington Quintet (National).
6.40.—Vaudeville (London Regional and Midland).

SATURDAY.—7.30 Popular Concert.
9.35.—Vaudeville (National).
9.0.—B.B.C. Orchestra (London Regional and Midland).

FOREIGN FEATURES.

BRUSSELS (508 5 metres, 1.2 kw.).—6.—Vocal and Piano Selections. 8 15.—Organ Recital. 8.30.—Three Pieces for 'Cello. 9.—Dance Music.

COPENHAGEN (281 metres, 1 kw.) and KALUNDBORG (1.153 metres, 10 kw.).—12 (noon).—Talk in English, "The Railways of England." 7.—Recital of Old Copenhagen Songs and Poems.

HILVERSUM (298-8 metres, 8.5 k.w.).—12.10.—Octet Concert. 2.10.—Instrumental Concert from Amsterdam Conductor: Dr. Willem Mengelberg. 5.40.—Orchestral Concert. 9.40.—Vaudeville Programme.

LANGENBERG (473 metres, 17 kw.) and COLOGNE (227 metres). -12 (noon).—Orchestral Concert 5.30.—"Russian Folk Songs." 7.—"Undine"—Romantic Opera (Lortzing).

MADRID (424 metres 2 kw.).—2.—Orchestral Selections. 7.—Dance Music. 10.—Flamenco Song Recital with Guitar Accompaniment.

MILAN (501 metres, 8.5 kw.) and TURIN (296.1 metres).—6.30.—Light Music. 7.30.—Dance Music. 7.50.—"Don Pasquale"—Opera (Donizetti).

OSLO (1,060 metres, 75 kw.).—4.—Concert. 7.2.—Orchestral Concert. 9.5.—Selections of Light Music. 9.35.—Dance Music.

PARIS (1,725 metres, 17 kw.).—5.30.—Concert conducted by M. Gaston Poulet, from Sarah Bernhardt Theatre. 7.30.—Radio-Paris Guignol. 8.—Concert, preceded by "Bille d'Agathe"—Sketch (Berr).

PRAGUE (487 metres, 5 kw.).—3.—Orchestral Concert. 6.—"The Lantern"—Opera (Novak), relayed from National Theatre. 9.20.—Orchestral Concert.

ROME (441 metres, 75 k.w.), relayed from NAPLES (332 metres).—3.—Symphony Concert. Paul Hindemith (viola). 7.50.—Concert from Works of Giuseppe Mulè. Instrumental and Choral Selections "La Baronessa di Carini" Opera.

STOCKHOLM (436 metres, 75 kw.) and MOTALA (1,348 metres, 40 kw.).—6.—A Comedy (de Flers-Caillavet). 7.45.—Choral Concert.

TOULOUSE (385 metres, 8 kw.).—5.—Dance Music. 6.—Overture, "Oberon" (Weber). Petite Suite (Debussy). Violin Solo. Selection from "Lakmé" (Delibes). Fantasie (Durand). Hungarian March from "The Damnation of Faust" (Berlioz). Dance Music. 8.15.—Concert by Viennese Orchestra. 8.30.—Military Music. 9.—Operetta Music. 10.15.—Symphony Concert. 10.40.—Concert for British Listeners.

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THEATRES.

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NEW. (Tem. 3878.) Evgs., 8.30. Thurs., Sat., 2.30. PETTICOAT INFLUENCE. NIGEL PLAYFAIR, Robert Holmes, Morton Selten, Frank Allenby, Jane Millican, DIANA WYNYARD.

PALACE. (Ger. 6834.) NIGHTLY, at 8.15. Matinées, Wed. and Sat., 2.30. "FREDERICA." With LEA SEIDL and JOSEPH HISLOP. LAST WEEK OF PRESENT SEASON.

PHŒNIX Theatre. All seats bookable. Charing Cross Road. LAST 2 WEEKS. NIGHTLY, at 8.45. Mats., Thurs. and Sat., 2.30. Charles B. Cochran presents GERTRUDE LAWRENCE and NOEL COWARD in "Private Lives." By Noel Coward.

PLAYHOUSE EVGS., at 8.30 Gerrard 5162. GLADYS COOPER and GERALD du MAURIER in "CYNARA." by H. M. Harwood and R. Gore Browne. CELIA JOHNSON, ANN TODD, DORICE FORDRED, CAMPBELL GULLAN. Mats., Wednesday and Thursday, at 2.30.

PRINCE EDWARD, Old Compton St., W. Reg. 1527. "NIPPY." A New Musical Comedy. Evgs., 8.15. Mons., Weds. and Sats., 2.30. BINNIE HALE, CLIFFORD MOLLISON, Arthur Riscoe, Debroy Somers and His Band, etc.

PRINCE OF WALES. 8.30. Thurs. and Sat., 2.30. "A Test of Woman's Humour." IRIS HOEY in THE QUEEN BEE. The most audacious and cynical play in London.

PRINCES. Temple Bar 3633. Evgs., 8.30. Weds., Sats., and Boxing Day, 2.30. "OH, DADDY!" "A roaring popular success."—M. Post. W. H. BERRY. HEATHER THATCHER.

QUEEN'S THEATRE. (Ger. 9437.) Evenings, 8.15. Mats., Wed., Sat., and Boxing Day, 2.30. THE BARRETTS OF WIMPOLE STREET. By RUDOLF BESIER. Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies. Marjorie Mars, Scott Sunderland, Joan Barry, Cedric Hardwicke.

ROYALTY. LEON M. LION'S Production. MARY NEWCOMB in A MARRIAGE HAS BEEN DIS-ARRANGED. TUES. NEXT, at 8.15. Mats., Thurs. and Sat., at 2.30.

RUDOLF STEINER. Paddington 8219. JEAN STERLING MACKINLAY. Dec. 20 and Daily, 2.30. Children's Matinées. GINGER AND PICKLES. King Hilary by A. A. Milne.

ST. JAMES'S. Gerrard 3903. Evgs., 8.30. Mats. Wed. and Sat., 2.30. A MURDER HAS BEEN ARRANGED. A Ghost Story, in Three Acts, by Emlyn Williams. Henry Kendall, Margaretta Scott, J. H. Roberts. "THE BEST THRILLER FOR YEARS."—Eve. News.

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THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

By ERNEST NEWMAN.

THE WEEK'S MUSIC

There was little that was new to us in John McCormack's programme at the Albert Hall last Sunday, so that, with no problems as to "song-values" to worry us, we could concentrate on the beauty of the singer's voice, the grace of his style, and the perfection of his phrasing. He began with the lovely "Minnelied" from the fifteenth-century Lochamer Liederbuch (in the modern version of which occurs about the only alteration of an old melody by a modern editor that has my assent and admiration), and made his way *via* an old English song, a fine Caldara, some interesting Respighi ("I tempi assai lontani") and Bantock ("A widow bird sat mourning") and a poor song by Hubert Parry ("There") to the inevitable group of Irish folk songs in Herbert Hughes's deft arrangements. The secret of John McCormack's compelling art in trifles of this kind is that he brings to bear on them all he has learned from his study of Schubert and Hugo Wolf.

Quintet Music.

An organisation calling itself the Quintette Instrumental de Paris, consisting of violin, viola, cello, flute and harp, gave us on Monday afternoon a programme of works written for that curious combination by French and Belgian composers—a quintet by Jean Cras, a Serenade, op. 30, by Albert Roussel, and a Concert à cinq, op. 71, by Joseph Jongen. The playing was good, and there being nothing in all this fluent and amiable music to tax our grey matter excessively, we were left free to speculate on the technical problems that suggested themselves from time to time. One had the suspicion that, in the main, the harp was little more than what in a football team or a rowing boat is known as a passenger. The composer felt that, as the thing was there, he must give it something to do; but most of what he gave it to do was hardly interesting in itself or vital to the success

THE OPERA SUBSIDY.

Mr. Newman's second article on this vital subject will be found on page 14.

of the total undertaking, and as a good deal of the writing for the harp was in the highest register—presumably to make it tell against the violin tone—we were more fretted than charmed by the somewhat childish tinkle of it. This kind of chamber music must be great fun to play at home; but it is hardly substantial enough or significant enough to justify making the whole of a public concert out of it.

Borovsky.

That remarkably fine pianist Borovsky hardly did himself justice in the opening stages (some Bach preludes and fugues and Beethoven's Pathétique sonata) of his recital on Wednesday afternoon. I fancy that most of his—and our—trouble came from his using a piano of splendid quality but, for the purposes of the moment, excessive weight of tone; the Beethoven sonata, and still more the Bach preludes and fugues, were written for instruments of lighter calibre, that allowed of the passage of more air and light between the notes in rapid sequences. But we were less conscious of all this in Schumann's "Carnival"; and by the time Mr. Borovsky came to some pungent but not very engaging little pieces by Prokofieff he was once more the consummate and satisfying virtuoso we have always known him to be.

B.B.C. Concerts.

The weekly orchestral concert of the B.B.C. was entirely devoted to Beethoven—the Leonora No. 3, the fifth symphony, and the Emperor concerto. There is nothing to be said about such familiar things, except that we had the full benefit of Sir Landon Ronald's ripe experience both of them and of the art of conducting. Everything was just right, everything in its place and making its full effect without the slightest exaggeration or pose. Mr. Moiseivitch's fingers were nimble enough in the concerto, and his polish enjoyable enough in itself; but intellectually there is more in the concerto than he brought out of it.

Among the more notable wireless performances of the week was one of Arnold Bax's "The Happy Forest" by the B.B.C. orchestra under Dr. Malcolm Sargent. His reading of Dvorak's fourth symphony, however, was marred by the adoption of tempi that did not correspond to the composer's markings.

E. N.

London Symphony Concert.

Monday's concert of the L.S.O. at Queen's Hall—the fourth of their series—must have brought a good deal of satisfaction to those who prefer order to febrile excitements. Dvorák's symphony No. 5 (from the New World), the Mozart piano concerto in D minor, No. 8, and Scriabine's "Poème de l'Extase" provided a programme of contrasts, all the more telling because Issai Dobrowen proved his ability to give each its due value. If the L.S.O. must pursue the policy of changing conductors—and though there was a noticeable increase in discipline the ideal is yet to be re-attained by them—his is a beat that is easy to follow. From the eloquent flutterings of his left hand it was clear that delicacy of average tone was one of his chief aims. Accordingly, the Dvorák was alight with a hundred fine gradations which delightfully brought home its beauties. The Mozart, too, was admirably clear-cut and restrained, though appearing a shade less spontaneous, possibly because Miss Ania Dorfmann, the soloist, for all the quiet shapeliness of her phrasing, was inclined to hurry, here and there. As for the Scriabine, its dynamic climaxes were well and truly wrought.

W.E.C.C.

At Wigmore Hall we came to the last Wednesday Evening Concert of chamber music before Christmas. It was an orchestral occasion. First, Harold Samuel repeated his famous reading of the important piano part in the third Brandenburg concerto of Bach heard at Queen's Hall some weeks ago. But now it was given with better adjustment. The London String Players are just about the right size in orchestras, and Herbert Menges directed them with his usual judgment. Also the co-operating artists—Miss Isolde Menges (violin) and Joseph Slater (flute)—were highly sensitive. Then came a Boccherini symphony (in C major, Op. 16, No. 3) full of grace, workmanship and quaintness (few could keep quite a straight face in the concluding Presto) which, with its almost experimental touches of flute and horn colour, was well worth doing. Miss Dorothy Silk sang the long cantata, "O Amantissime sponse, Jesu," by Christian Ritter, with her usual perspicacity as regards its changing moods, but with rather less than her usual steadiness of tone or volume in passages that must perforce be sung *forte*. The quieter episodes were, however, delectably smooth. A most exhilarating performance of the Bloch Concerto Grosso brought the concert to a close. This music reveals fresh stuff at every hearing.

Recital Notes.

At Wigmore Hall on Tuesday the young Misses Nelson, known as the Canadian Trio, again showed, in piano trios, including Dvorák's "Dumky," a delightful freshness and sympathy with the music they interpret. There is promise of a very real kind in their work.

At Grotrian Hall on Thursday Miss Kay Metaxa exhibited a powerful soprano voice, still in need of training. The elimination of "wave" and the cultivation of a rounder and more homogeneous tone should be her first objectives.

H. F.

THE GALLERIES

ENGLISH WOOD ENGRAVINGS.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

By FRANK RUTTER.

As the revival of painting in the thirteenth century was primarily due to an economic cause—the impoverishment of Constantinople after the Latin conquest, and the consequent desire for a cheaper form of wall decoration than the costly process of mosaic—so the revival of wood-engraving during the last decade had its origin in a more or less utilitarian need.

Owing to the increased cost of printing and block-making, due to post-war conditions, publishers both in France and England found it impracticable to use process blocks to illustrate small limited editions. It was much cheaper to get an artist to make a series of wood blocks and print from these. So after the war little books, illustrated with woodcuts, began to appear in most European countries, and these prepared the way for an increased appreciation of the craft. Thus did history repeat itself, since the original function of the wood-engraving was to adorn the printed page.

But our wood engravers have not been content to submit to this limitation; in recent years they have extended the function of wood-engraving to include many other forms of decorativeness—even wall decoration; and to-day the wood-cut or wood-engraving is used as a medium for "self-expression," pure and simple, by scores of artists.

Nevertheless, from the eleventh annual exhibition of the Society of Wood-Engravers at the Redfern Gallery, it would appear that the best results are obtained by those artists who still adhere to the original function of the art. The finest craftsmanship and the most pleasing designs here are seen in prints intended for book illustration. Robert Gibbings, Claire Leighton, and John Nash are three leading wood engravers who contribute sets; Eric Daglish's series of bird studies, Mrs. Raverat's designs for "The Seasons," and the velvet-toned prints of Eric Gill are other contributions of exceptional merit.

In another exhibition of modern English wood-engravings at the St. George's Gallery we can see Norman Janes's illustrations to "Heroes and Kings," and Mr. Blair Hughes-Stanton's ingenious decorations for D. H. Lawrence's "Birds, Beasts, and Flowers." But in this exhibition the individual print is more strongly in evidence. We see Mr. Leon Underwood expressing his monumental sense of form in "Mexican Water Carrier" (23), Mr. Charles Ginner his feeling for patterns of light and shade in "On the East Heath" (66), Miss Agnes Miller Parker confessing her delight in movement in her "Codfish" (44). Claughton Pellew, Iain Macnab, John F. Greenwood, Monica Rawlins (26a), Mary E. Groom, and Gertrude Hermes are other exhibitors whose works increase the interest of this collection.

ROBIN WALLACE.

The paintings of Mr. Robin Wallace at Barbizon House are distinguished by their high standard of craftsmanship and loyal adherence to the British traditions in landscape. In his classic composition "Corfe Castle" (16) he confesses admiration for Wilson; "The Windmill near Ongar" (12) does homage to Constable; "Falmouth: the Cutty Sark" (10) pays tribute to Turner. But neither in these, nor in any of his other exhibits, does Mr. Wallace deliberately imitate Wilson, or Constable, or Turner; it is merely that his art runs along the same lines, and that he finds the old styles, the old rather brownish colour schemes the most congenial outlet for his own personal feeling. Born at Kendal in 1897, this North-country artist is still a young man, and if his work as yet does not reveal any very strong, commanding personality, it commands respect by reason of its admirable taste, its workmanlike probity, and a general good understanding of what makes for "quality" in painting.

EAST LONDON GROUP.

Our highest hopes for the future of English painting are centred in the members of the East London Group. Its second exhibition, at the Le Fefevre Galleries, confirms the promise of the first, and again shows us the work of young artists who have a sound knowledge how to compose and how to paint, but are content to be simple, direct, and sincere, to be themselves and paint their own surroundings and not to ape any strange, exotic fashion. No other exhibition or society has been able to show us anything like so good a collection of paintings by the younger generation.

What we must all pray for is that they do not make enough money to leave East London for Paris and ruin promising talents—as others have done—by worshipping at the shrine of Picasso and company. At present the exhibition is only marred by one dreadfully bad imitation of Matisse, but this serves as a horrid object-lesson to show what might happen. Apart from this, almost every exhibit has its interest, though some, naturally, are much better than others. Mr. W. J. Steggles, with his limpid and clear-coloured street scenes, "Stratford Signals" (10) and "The Canal Bridge" (19); Henry Silk, with his genuinely personal interiors, "Hat on Table" (15), "Old Fireplace" (71), and "The Wireless Set" (34); and Elwin Hawthorne, particularly with his rich-coloured "High Street, Bow," (57) and properly grey "Fog at Clapton" (53), are the members who show most advance this year.

John Cooper, the leader of the Group, succeeds in giving a personal and distinguished touch to his figure compositions, "Alpine Love" (5) and "Bad Times, Blackpool" (16); A. Turpin shows a fine sense of form and grouping in his "Sandwich Men" (45); Murroe Fitzgerald arrests attention by the force and vivid hues of "Sammy's" (36), while a "Lake Scene" (69), by P. Murphy, has real loveliness and joyousness of colour. Mr. Sickert, a good friend and helper to the group in its initial effort, steps aside this year to let it stand purely on its own merit; but his influence is seen in an "Interior" (29), by Brynhild Parker, and, very slightly, in William Coldstream's Zoo picture, "The Lion House" (24). But, generally speaking, the exhibition is remarkably free from any dominating outside influence, and the sincerity and independence of the members are the shining virtues which make the collection so memorable.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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The London University will, it seems, speedily have a Charter, like King's College. It was, indeed, one of the anomalies of the age that it should have been so long delayed.

The St. Andrew's anniversary of the Scottish Hospital was celebrated by a dinner at the Albion Tavern on Tuesday. The Duke of Gordon was in the chair. The collection amounted to more than £350, a sum unusually great.

The Earl of Rosebery, with a view to better the condition of the cottagers on his estates at Portwick, Plumstead, and Saxlingham, twenty three in number, has allotted half an acre to each, in addition to what they previously occupied.

The Planet, a new engine of Mr. Stevenson's construction, was tried on Tuesday last, and surpassed the most sanguine expectations. It reached Manchester from Liverpool in the short space of sixty minutes.

We are informed that if an unfortunate man is rendered to the King's Bench Prison when it is full, as it is at present, he must either pay about 10s. 6d. per week for the privilege of sleeping in a small room, with three, and frequently four, companions, or walk the racquet-court all night.

BRIDGE.

Conducted by YARBOROUGH.

FORCING OVERBIDS.

I discussed last week the ever-recurrent problem of showing a strong hand originally. For many players this is still the *pons asinorum* of Contract technique. "Partner," one hears at the beginning of every rubber, "what does your original 'Two' bid mean?" And it is all to the good that the significance of the "Forcing Two" bid should be thoroughly understood. But it is even more important that players should grasp the meaning of the forcing overbid. It is this bid, together with the "minimum response" of "One No-trump" to an original suit bid of "One," that makes the forcing system the weapon of precision that it is.

It continually happens that one's partner opens with a bid of "One" in a suit, and that one holds a hand sufficiently strong to warrant a try for game, if only one could tell what suit will be best adapted to the requirements of the combined hands. It is here that the forcing overbid is invaluable. By bidding *one more than is necessary to overcall one's partner, in a suit other than that bid by him*, one says in effect: "Take courage, partner, game is in sight. But I doubt if the suit suggested by you will give us the best chance. Have you anything else to suggest? If so, it may fit in better with my hand."

The inference that partner's call is a forcing overbid should *only* be drawn (1) where the adversaries have not intervened, and (2) where a *suit* other than that first declared is mentioned. *"Two No-trumps" over partner's "One Spade" is not forcing* (i.e., it does not demand a continuation of the bidding); it merely shows a hand worth 2½ to 3 Quick Tricks and with well-distributed strength. Similarly, "Three Spades" over partner's "One Spade" is not forcing; it shows—or should be taken as showing—about five probable tricks if Spades are trumps. But "Three Diamonds" over "One Spade" *is* forcing: it is an injunction to partner to keep the bidding open.

Here are two examples from recent play. [Culbertson's team v. an English four.]

HAND I.

Y: ♠ J 7; ♥ A Q 9 4 2; ♦ A K 8 5; ♣ 3 2

A: ♠ 10 6 3; ♥ K 10 7; ♦ 10 7 6 4 3; ♣ 7 4

B: ♠ A Q 5 4; ♥ 8 6; ♦ Q 9 2; ♣ K J 10 9

Z: ♠ K 9 8 2; ♥ J 5 3; ♦ J; ♣ A Q 8 6 5

ZY were vulnerable. Score love all in the second game. A dealt. The bidding went:—

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
A	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	All pass
Y	1 ♥	3 ♦	4 ♦	
B	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	
Z	2 ♠	4 ♣	4 ♥	

The forcing overbid is Z's "Two Spades." Y's "Four Diamonds" on the third round will be noticed; it enables his partner to make a final choice between Diamonds, Hearts, and Spades.

HAND II.

Y: ♠ 6; ♥ 10 8 7 5 2; ♦ 9 2; ♣ 8 7 6 4 3

A: ♠ Q; ♥ A J 9 4 3; ♦ K J 3; ♣ J 9 5 2

B: ♠ A K 5 3; ♥ K 6; ♦ 10 7 4; ♣ A K Q 10

Z: ♠ J 10 9 8 7 4 2; ♥ Q; ♦ A Q 8 6 5; ♣ None

Z dealt, neither side being vulnerable. The bidding was:—

	(1)	(2)	(3)
Z	1 ♦	3 ♠	All pass
A	1 ♥	5 ♣	
Y	No Bid	No Bid	
B	3 ♣	6 ♣	

The forcing overbid here is B's "Three Clubs." Such a bid shows about three Quick Tricks at least. When A proceeds to "Five Clubs," B, in the light of Z's interventions, can pretty well read his partner's hand. The Slam contract is defeated, five trumps being massed in Y's hand; but this, of course, is sheer ill-luck. As the cards lie, AB can make a Small Slam in "No-trumps."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. J. P.—At Auction, score love all in the rubber game, Z bid "One Diamond"; A, "Double"; Y, "No Bid." B, holding Spades, 9, 7, 3; Hearts, 8, 6, 2; Diamonds, 9, 7, 6, 3; Clubs, J, 9, 3, should bid "Two Clubs." (See also answer to Lyndhurst.)

H. O. P. (Carmarthen).—Thank you for your letter. My conjecture as to your holding was not very far from the mark. As to "encouraging" and "discouraging" bids, I doubt if the latter class should be admitted at all. The only discouraging bid is a pass!

Busby.—Y deals and holding Spades, x; Hearts, Q, J, 10, x, x; Diamonds, A, x; Clubs, A, x, x, x, x, bids "One Club." B bids "Two Clubs"; Z, "Three Diamonds"; A passes. What should Y say now?—"No Bid." But I do not like Y's original "Club." The correct bid is "One Heart," if not vulnerable; if vulnerable, "No Bid."

Lyndhurst.—At Auction, score ZY 10 (I have adapted your nomenclature) AB nil in the first game, Z deals and bids "One Spade." A and Y pass, B doubles, Z passes. A, holding Spades, x, x, x, x; Hearts, K, x, x; Diamonds, x, x, x; Clubs, x, x, x, should bid "Two Clubs." This gives his partner the best chance of a take-out if A's bid is doubled.

J. H. (Llandudno).—(1) As far as I know, the Laws in vest-pocket form are not available, but I will make inquiries. (2) When declarer leads from his own hand instead of from dummy, either adversary can draw attention to his error. Once attention has been drawn to it, the lead must be corrected. Cards already played to the trick are taken back, and cannot be called; there is no other penalty. (3) Your third question involves some research; I will make inquiries.

R. L. P. (Regent's Park).—At Contract (score not stated), Z deals and holding Spades, A, J, 9, 2; Hearts, none; Diamonds, A, Q, 10, 9, 5; Clubs, A, K, J, 2, bids "Two Diamonds." A passes. Y, holding Spades, K, 10, 8, 7, 4; Hearts, 9; Diamonds, J, 7, 6; Clubs, 10, 8, 6, 4, bids "Two No-trumps." B passes. What should Y do now?—I think Z should now bid "Three Diamonds." But his hand is barely strong enough for an original "Two Diamond" bid. I should open myself with "One Diamond."

Miss E. L. (Broadstone).—At Contract (score not stated) Z (dealer) holds Spades, A, Q, J, x; Hearts, K, Q, x; Diamonds, A, K, 10, x, x; Clubs, K. His partner Y holds Spades, x, x; Hearts, none; Diamonds, 9, x, x; Clubs, A, Q, 10, x, x, x x, x. Z opened with a bid of "Two Diamonds," and A overcalled with "Two Hearts." In my opinion the subsequent bidding should have been: Y, "Three Hearts" (to show that in a suit bid no Heart tricks need be lost); Z, "Three Spades"; Y, "Four Clubs"; Z, "Four Diamonds"; Y, "Five Clubs"; Z, "Six Clubs." With only a singleton of his partner's suit, Z's "No-trump" bids were very ill-advised.

J. P. H. (Ipswich).—The Queen of Clubs was led from A, Q, J, x of Clubs, "and other fair cards," against a "No-trump" declaration. Your contention I gather, is that this suit should not have been opened. It depends, in my opinion, on what the other "fair cards" were. Thus, from Spades, J, 10, x; Hearts, K, x, x; Diamonds, x, x, x; Clubs, A, Q, J, x, I believe the best lead is the Jack of Spades. But opinion is by no means unanimous. If the A, Q, J suit is opened at all, the usual lead is the Ace; but as between the Ace and Queen there is very little to choose.

M. T. B. (Edinburgh).—At Auction, Z bid "One Diamond"; A, "Two Hearts"; Y, "Two Diamonds" (an underbid); B, holding Spades, x, x, x; Hearts, x, x; Diamonds, x, x, x; Clubs, Q, x, x, x, x, said, "I make it 'Three Diamonds,' and pass." I think B's reasoning perfectly sound, and her call the best available. She had five practicable options: (1) To pass; (2) to re-bid "Two Hearts"; (3) to close the bidding at "Two Hearts"; (4) to double "Three Diamonds"; (5) the course adopted—to increase the contract and pass. This shows (1) a dislike of the Heart bid, and (2) no defence against Diamonds.

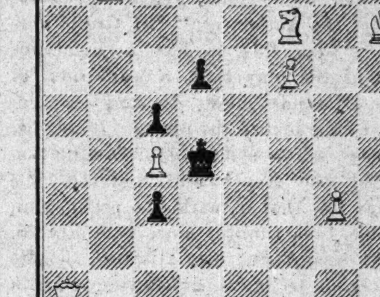
G. O. (Edgbaston).—At Contract, score ZY vulnerable and 90 in second game; AB not vulnerable and 20 in second game, Z dealt and holding Spades, 10, x; Hearts, A, x x; Diamonds, A, x, x; Clubs, A J, 10, x, x, bid "One Club." This is perfectly correct. A, holding Spades x, x, x, Hearts, K, 10 x; Diamonds, K, 10, x, x; Clubs, Q, x, x, might double—if he can trust his partner to know that he is bidding to the score. (It will pay AB to save the rubber at a sacrifice of 600.) Y, holding Spades, A, K, Q, J, x, x, x; Hearts, x, x, Diamonds, J, x; Clubs, K, x, should bid "Two Spades." The subsequent bidding should be; B, "Three Hearts" (if A has doubled, otherwise "No Bid"); Z, "Three No-trumps"; A, "No Bid"; Y, "Four Spades"; B, "No Bid" Z, "Five Hearts"; A, "No Bid"; Y, "Six Spades"; B, "No Bid"; Z, "Seven Spades." The Grand Slam is, of course, easily made whatever lead comes from B.

CHESS.

By L. VAN VLIET.

Solution of Problem No. 2,321: 1. Q—Q6. If K—R4, or K x Kt, or Q x R; 2. Kt (R6)—B7 mate. If Q—B4 (ch); 2. Kt x Q. If 1. . . . R x R; 2. Q x R. If 1. . . Q x Q; or Q x Kt (ch); or R x Kt (ch); or R x Q; 2 Kt—B5 (double ch), etc. "Tries" are defeated by: K—R4; or K—R6; or K x Kt; or R—Q4 (ch); or Q—R4; or R x R; accordingly. For example: 1. Q—B7 (?), R—Q4 (ch)!

PROBLEM No. 2,322.—By PHILIP RICHARDSON.
White, 7 pieces. Black, 4 pieces.



White to play and mate in three moves.

An important variation in this problem is: 1. Key move, P—Q4.

CORRECT SOLVERS.

Additional correct solutions of Problem No. 2,320 are acknowledged from Beddoe, E. M. Coe, E. Cruttwell, S. W. Garrod, G. Ingledew, Mala, F. H. Merrick ("An excellent little gem, with a 'mirror,' after, 2. . . . K—B4; 3. Q—B7!"), A. M. Pass, Rev. W. Scott, and C. White.

Correct solutions of Problem No. 2,321 have been received from Heureka, E. St. John-Brooks ("The problem is a beauty, with very puzzling mates"), I. M. Brown ("Clever construction"), M. W. Edgley, E. H. Bramhall, G. T. Atkinson ("Full of variety."), H. T. Asche, J. E. Vaughan, J. F. Robins, Clephane, Rev. H. G. Stembridge, Rev. W. Scott, Admiral Stuart Nicholson, D. Corby ("Beautiful problem"), T. H. Jenkins, J. R. Wilson, F. Hurst ("A clever piece of work!"), R. W. Hopkins, Tramp ("Very ingenious"), V. G. Walrond, Ballygiblin, K. S. Frisby, E. A. Lassen, C. Brooks-Hill, B. C. Dickinson, F. E. Peake, F. H. Summers, H. H. Greenway, P. Martin, F. P. Younghusband, J. F. Powell, C. White, B. Grosswert, B. Bendy ("A very pretty problem"), A. Le Grys, W. G. Lowe, S. W. Garrod, J. W. Pepper, Margaret Gasquoine, Brig.-General W. Baker-Brown, Lt.-Col. G. I. Philips, Lieut. Colonel F. Cunynghame Hughes, R. H. Thompson, L. G. Arnold ("A very pretty composition"), H. Monks, C. H. R. Crosby, J. E. Glenny ("A splendid example of the modern Chess problem"), J. P. Orr ("Easy—when you see the neat underlying idea!"), D. C. Lee, E. F. Cowen ("Splendid sacrifice, and far from obvious"), Dr. Highmore, Arbieff, W. R. Rayer, E. C. de Segundo, A. F. Scott, V. H. Sladen, A. G. Soames, C. E. Craig, R. H. Kettle, H. W. Meadows, E. Cruttwell, Dr. Edridge-Green, F. C. Saville, E. J. Baker, W. H. York, A. Wingate, J. Silbersweig, J. C. Daniel, Rev. C. F. Bolland, E. M. Coe, Horace H. King, J. I. Binks ("Most excellent"), T. G. Laslett, Cyrus, A. Branfield, H. Pugh, J. W. Lewis, A. M. Pass, H. C. Robson, and E. A. Chamberlain.

A CURIOUS TOURNAMENT GAME.

Here is a rather curious game, played in the recent International Masters Tournament, at Frankfort, between the first prize winner—A. Niemzowitsch (Copenhagen)—and J. Mieses (Berlin):—

	White. Niemzowitsch.	Black. Mieses.
1	P—Q4	P—Q4
2	KKt—B3	KKt—B3 (a)
3	P—B4	P—B3
4	Kt—B3	P—K3 (b)
5	P—K3	QKt—Q2
6	Kt—K5 (c)	Kt x Kt
7	P x Kt	Kt—Q2
8	P—B4	Kt—Kt3 (d)
9	Q—Kt3	Q—K2 (e)
10	B—Q2	P—B3?
11	P x P	KtP x P (f)
12	Castles	P x P? (g)
13	B x P	Kt x B
14	Q x Kt	B—Q2
15	Kt—K4	P—K 4 (h)
16	Q—Kt3	P—KB4
17	Kt—B6 (ch)!!	Q x Kt (i)
18	B—B3	Q—K2
19	B x R	Castles
20	B—K5	Q—B2
21	R—Q2	P—B4
22	KR—Q sq	B—K2? (j)
23	Q—R3	Resigns (k)

(a) In this form of the QP opening, 2. . . . P—QB4; leads, generally, to more interesting games.

(b) The capture of the pawn is a profitless adventure; as White, with, 5. P—QR4, etc., soon recovers the pawn, and with the superior position.

(c) Of questionable value. The reply, however, should be, 6. . . . B—Q3; 7. P—B4, Kt—K5.

(d) Tempting is, 8. . . . P—B3; but is not as simple as it seems. Black may have to contend with, 9. B—Q3 (threatening, 10. Q—R5 (ch)), and with other difficult complications later.

(e) Unless, 10. . . . Q—Kt5; was intended, 9. . . . P—B3; might as well have been played.

(f) If Q x P, then, 12. P x P, P x P; 13. P—K4!

(g) Now, Q—Kt5; would be bad, on account of: 13. Kt x P, Q x Q; 14. Kt x P (ch), K—B2; 14. P x Q, K x Kt (?); 15. B—B3 (ch)! Instead of the suicidal text move, however, 12. . . . B—Kt2; would have afforded at least a chance.

(h) If Castles: 16 Kt x P! or, Q—Q4!

(i) There is no choice. If K—B2; 18. Kt x B, Q x Kt; 19. B—B3! And if 17. . . K—Q sq; then, 18. B—B3, wins the B, if not more.

(j) Fatal: Black's game was lost in any event, but the game might have been at least prolonged, with 22. . . . P—B5.

(k) Mate in a few moves is forced. A curious game, certainly; considering Herr Mieses's long Chess reputation: "The brilliant Mieses!"

COUNTY CHESS.—MIDDLESEX v. SUSSEX.

A fifty boards match, in the Metropolitan Counties Competition and the Southern Counties Championship contests, played at Brighton, between Middlesex and Sussex resulted in eleven points to eight (and one game for adjudication), in favour of Middlesex, for the S.C.C.; and in twenty-four points to twenty-two (and four games for adjudication) in favour of Middlesex for the "Emboyna" Shield.

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DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,350.

(*The First of the Quarter.*)

Day follows day, time flies apace,
Now this to that has yielded place.

1. Assent, in land of drowsihead,
Is granted, though no words be said.
2. Giant whom Progress brings to view,
Our heroes in the nursery slew.
3. What twelve good men and true may find,—
A letter has been left behind.
4. 'Tis weird; remove one letter, and
Find now a lake in distant land.
5. Two quarts! Well may the Roman state,
The quantity of wine is great.
6. He may be dry, he may be wet,
For change two tanners you may get.
7. The border, is it sharp? Then scan
The educated gentleman.
8. Haggard, behold him on his steed,
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DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,349 AND ANSWER.

(The Last of the Quarter.)

Title see,
Each a she.

1. Has ancient keep,
Seems chiefly sheep.
2. The king, (a pity),
Has lost the city.
3. One contemplates
Some magistrates.
4. A titmouse blue.
Is up last? True. BOODLEBAR.

1. L E W E S
2. A R T H
3. D ECEMVIR I
4. Y A U P

NOTES.—Light 2, Arthur, Ur. 3, Also, Duumviri. Acrostic No. 1,348 (London Strand).—Correct answers were received from eleven solvers, one light was missed by nineteen, two lights by twenty, and more than two by twenty-one.

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A MIRACLE PLAY.

"The Green Pastures." By Marc Connelly. (Farrer and Rinehart.)

By DESMOND MacCARTHY.

"It will be obvious," says Mr. Marc Connelly, the author of "The Green Pastures," "that this is less a handsome edition of the play than a collection of Robert Edmund Jones's drawings accompanied by the text of the play," It was he, Mr. Jones, whose sympathetic imagination fashioned the scenes and designed the costumes for that remarkable production, which has been running since February 26, 1930, in New York; who attained, despite innumerable technical difficulties, such a surprisingly close homogeneity between the play and its performance. Mr. Connelly explains how this was achieved. To instil the spirit of this unusual play into the actors (all "coloured people," of course), it was suggested that they should regard themselves as members of a church in a small Southern town, and that the play was written for local performance.

> Mr. Jones's fancy transported him to the same small town where he became a leader in church activities. He borrowed what scenery the manager of the local opera house would lend; the cutwood wings and foliage borders. Then thrown back on his own resources, he designed simple two-dimensional settings with which to indicate Heaven, the Garden of Eden, and other backgrounds in the play. Some of the costumes were also borrowed by Deacon Jones. The ermine cloak of the King of Babylon had originally proclaimed the regality of another king at a Mardi Gras. A neighbour loaned a Confederate uniform which would give a military touch to the scene in Pharaoh's court. Costumes for a fireman and a Scotchman, also happily available, were placed in the same scene because they agreed so pleasantly with the red cloaks of the courtiers. Of course, the majority of the more elaborate costumes were made by the ladies of the congregation from designs the Deacon gave them. At a result, when the now well-oriented actors came to the dress-rehearsal they found their garments and the scenery exactly those which an artistic fellow-member of the church might have been expected to provide. And as Deacon Jones was also Robert Edmund Jones they all had great beauty

The value, then, of this edition to us in England who have not seen the play is that the illustrations suggest its visible impressiveness which, together with the music of "the negro spirituals" accompanying it, raised the play to that level where amusement at its childish conceptions of God, Heaven, and Bible history was inseparable from serious emotion.

Censor and the Play.

We are prevented from seeing it by the Censor because it is forbidden to "produce on the stage anything which might do violence to the sentiment of religious reverence." Yet "The Green Pastures" is the most moving of modern religious plays. Before the war the Lord Chamberlain's office interfered to prevent on the same grounds the performance of "The Shewing Up of Blanco Posnet." In that case offence lay in a horse-stealer referring, in the fever and terror of sudden conversion, to God's "tricks." He did not express himself with conventional reverence. It is easy to understand a man, if he hates religion, feeling repelled by anyone in Posnet's state of mind, whether the zealot happens to be a Gordon, a Wesley, or a horse-stealer. One can understand anyone disliking martyrs next worse to the people who make them. It is possible to hate religious zeal and yet be an admirable man like Bradlaugh, Voltaire or Samuel Butler. But to allow "good taste" and convention to prevent you from recognising what you profess to, and indeed, do, reverence elsewhere, and on the top of that to label it blasphemous, is vulgar and inhuman.

I do not see, in fact, how anyone can help feeling toward such worthless pretenders to religious emotion anything but commiseration. Years after, it did dawn on the Censors of Plays that their objection to "Blanco Posnet" was only spiritual snobbery, and they withdrew the ban. So too, after prohibiting "Ghosts" and Brieux's "Damaged Goods." they at last permitted those plays also to be performed. But it required a war to persuade them that it might be salutary, and not necessarily degrading, to mention venereal disease on the stage. It is important to remind the public how often, and how coolly, the Censor Office changes its mind. Never apologise, never explain is its attitude, and it ought not to be allowed to get away with it so comfortably. The objection to the performance of "The Green Pastures" is again pure spiritual snobbery.

Best Commentary.

There is in the famous Masnavi of the Persian mystic Jalalu'ddin Runi (1207-1273) a story about Moses which bears on the point. It has been retold beautifully in verse by Mr. R. C. Trevelyan ("The Deluge and Other Poems," Hogarth Press. 5s.). I recommend this poem to the Lord Chamberlain and his officials; it may hasten by a decade their change of mind.

One day when Moses was shepherding Jethro's flock in Midian, his mind became saddened by the loneliness of the place, and, musing on his spiritual ignorance and darkness, he raised his voice in cosmic ecstasy. When he had finished his prayer, his mind quickened by the melody of his own phrases, and refreshed by the confession of his nothingness, he became aware of a shepherd of uncouth aspect, who was also lifting his voice in fervent supplication:—

> O God, my God, where art thou?
> Show thyself to me now,
> That so I may become thy faithful servant;
> That I may sew your sandals, and comb out
> Your comely hair and beard,
> Wash and mend your clothes and kill your vermin;
> That I may fetch you milk, O mighty Being,
> Tend your fire and cook your evening meal;
> That I may kiss your little hands and chafe
> Your little feet, and when 'tis time for slumber,
> Sweep out your little room and strew your bed.

Moses was shaken with indignation. "Man, to whom do you address these words?" he cried.

> Stuff the rags of your cloak into your mouth
> To stop it up. Already the foul stench
> Of your blaspheming breath pollutes the world.
> Should but the least whiff of it reach His throne,
> Then better had you ne'er been born.
> If God indeed be the world's judge and ruler,
> How dare you insult him so,
> With babbling nonsense and familiarity?

But when Moses was alone he heard a voice:—

> And the voice said, "Moses, Moses,
> Why have you driven my servant from me thus?
> For what cause have I sent you among men,
> To divide them from me, or to unite them with me?
> Know that beyond all else
> It is separation that I hate.
> Of this poor shepherd's thoughts I made you not the judge."
> . . . .
> What from *your* mouth were blasphemy
> From him is praise. *His* honey from you were poison.
> Nay, though his words be folly,
> Yet how should they pollute my purity?
> Or how can your praises make me pure?
> . . . .
> Words are but smoke and darkness:
> The heart alone is fire.
> . . . .
> Duties and rites and forms are for cold hearts,
> Ever in doubt and dread lest they transgress,
> Not for those burning souls, that sect of Lovers,
> To whom God is religion, and not dread;
> For love is fearless in the sea of fear.

I am glad to quote a poet who has never received his due in praise, but I do so here because "Moses and the Shepherd" is the best commentary on "The Green Pastures."

The Childish Conception of God.

Its conception of God and creation is still that of the early ages of the world, when God walked in the garden in the cool of the evening and ate with Abraham. Only instead of being conceived as an Eastern patriarch, he is pictured by negro children as a dignified old black minister.

The first scene takes place in a nigger Sunday school. "What did God look like, Mr. Deshee?" one of the children asks.

> Well, nobody knows exactly what God looked like. But when I was a little boy I used to imagine dat he looked like de Reverend Dubois. He was de finest looking ol' man I ever knew. Yes, I used to bet de Lawd looked exactly like Mr. Dubois in de days when he walked de earth in de shape of a natchel man.
> When was dat, Mr. Deshee?
> Why, when he was gettin' things started down heah. When he talked to Adam and Eve and Noah and Moses and all dem.

He is as human, but he is kinder and much more lovable than Javeh. In spite of omnipotence, and the power of "throwing" any kind of miracle from the creation of the Firmament to turning Aaron's rod into a serpent, he finds the direction of mankind exasperating, and he is apt to "get wild" with his people. Once he makes a clean sweep of them, but the descendants of Noah continue to go from bad to worse. Indeed, he regards the Earth and its inhabitants as a failure; and if it had not been for the few good men who come up to Heaven reminding him of his promises by their reproachful sadness, he would probably have never visited it again. When he does so at last (everyone in Heaven has noticed that for a long time God has seemed worried) he learns something.

"Not Dat Ol' God."

The scene takes place in the shadow of the temple wall in Jerusalem. The city is being besieged and is bound to fall to-morrow. God meets Hezdrel, the captain of the host.

> HEZDREL: Listen, Preacher, we ain't skeered. We's gonter be killed, but we ain't skeered.
> GOD: I's glad to hear dat. Kin I ask you a question, Hezdrel?
> HEZDREL: What is it?
> GOD: How is it you is so brave?
> HEZDREL: Caize we got faith, dat's why!
> GOD: Faith? In who?
> HEZDREL: In our dear Lawd God.
> GOD: But God say he abandoned ev' one down yere.
> HEZDREL: Who say dat? Who dare say dat of the Lawd God of Hosea?
> GOD: Ain't de God of Hosea de same Jehovah dat was de God of Moses?
> HEZDREL (contemptuously): No. Dat ol' God of wrath and vengeance? We have de God dat Hosea preached to us. He's de one God.
> GOD: Who's he?
> HEZDREL: De God of mercy.
> GOD: Hezdrel, don' you think dey must be de same God?
> HEZDREL: I don' know. I ain't bothered to think much about it. Maybe dey is. Maybe our God is de same ol' God. I guess we jest got tired of his appearance dat ol' way.
> GOD: What do you mean, Hezdrel?
> HEZDREL: Oh, dat ol' God dat walked de earth in de shape of a man. I guess he lived wid man so much dat all he seen was de sins in man. Dat's what made him de God of wrath and vengeance. Co'se he made Hoseas. An Hosea never would 'a' found what mercy was unless dere was a little of it in God, too. Anyway, he ain't a fearsome God no mo'. Hosea showed us dat.
> GOD: How you s'pose Hosea found dat mercy?
> HEZDREL: De only way he could find it. De only way I found it. De only way anyone kin find it.
> GOD: How's dat?
> HEZDREL: Through sufferin'. . . .
> GOD (quietly): Thank you, Hezdrel.
> HEZDREL: Fo' what?
> GOD: Fo' tellin' me so much. You see I been so far away, I guess I was jest way behin' de times.

This conception of God learning from mankind is certainly far from orthodox.

> GABRIEL: You look awful pensive, Lawd. You been sittin' yere, lookin' dis way, an awful long time. Is it somethin' serious, Lawd?
> GOD: Very serious, Gabriel.
> GABRIEL (awed by his tone): Lawd, is de time come for me to blow?
> GOD: Not yet, Gabriel. I'm just thinkin'.
> GABRIEL: What about, Lawd? (Puts up hand. Singing stops.)
> GOD: 'Bout somethin' de boy tol' me. Somethin' 'bout Hosea, and himself. How dey foun' somethin'.
> GABRIEL: What, Lawd?
> GOD: Mercy. (A pause.) Through *sufferin'*, he said.
> GABRIEL: Yes, Lawd.
> GOD: I'm tryin' to find it, too. It's awful impo'tant. It's awful impo'tant to all de people on my earth. Did he mean dat even God must suffer? (God continues to look out over the audience for a moment, and then a look of surprise comes into his face. He sighs. In the distance a voice cries.)
> THE VOICE: Oh, look at him! Oh, look, dey is goin' to make him carry it up dat high hill! Dey is goin' to nail him to it! Oh, dat's a terrible burden for one man to carry!
> God rises and murmurs "Yes!" as if in recognition.

Thus the transition from the Old to the New Testament has been achieved, naively, quaintly, childishly, but surely not blasphemously. The ideas of propitiation and of profiting by vicarious sacrifice are repugnant now to the moral sense. The close of this play gives an unorthodox but more acceptable significance to the doctrine of the Atonement. It is wanted. Why forbid the play?

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> My son Augustus, in the street one day
> Was feeling quite exceptionally merry.
> A stranger asked him, "Can you show me, pray,
> The quickest way to Brompton Cemetery?"
> "The quickest way? You bet I can," said Gus,
> And pushed the fellow underneath a bus.
> * * *
> Whatever people say about my son,
> He does enjoy his little bit of fun.

Mr. Graham has a coadjutor of like mind in his illustrator, Mr. Ridgewell.

A NEWMAN SYNTHESIS.

"A Newman Synthesis." (Sheed and Ward. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by ALFRED NOYES.

The original edition of this work appeared in Germany, but it has long been needed in England. It is a commonplace to say that Newman is one of the greatest masters of English prose; yet it has been left for Germany to take the initiative in a very important step towards the appreciation of his work. This single volume separates what is permanent from what—in some cases—was merely of its own time, in a score of volumes. But it is not an anthology. It is a systematic presentation of Newman's thought, in his own language, beginning with the idea of God, and marking out, through a hundred stages, the whole upward journey of the soul.

The English mind is not given to precision of thought in such matters. The popular Pantheism of our day, for instance, covers a multitude of confusions which might be clarified by this volume to the general advantage. Newman begins at the beginning. He surveys the world around us, wherein everything is contingent or dependent upon something not itself, and therefore impermanent. He affirms that behind all these contingencies there is a Being, ultimately, which needs no other to bring it into existence; and he asks what are the attributes of such a Being. He shows that It must at least be Individual, Self-dependent, All-perfect, Unchangeable. The history of creation, our own lives, and the destiny of nations are determined by that Supreme Being. It is utterly untrue, therefore, to say with the Victorian scientists that we in whose lives that Reality is implicated can know nothing of the most important subject in the world. The invisible things are learnt through the visible, even in our relations with one another; and, step by step, Newman develops "the subject matter of a science far wider and more noble than any of those which are included in secular education." The Supreme Being is shown to possess, necessarily, those "attributes of God"—intelligent, living, personal and present—in which the modern man, with pathetic surprise, is beginning to suspect there may be some reality after all; for are not his men of science rediscovering the elementary truths of that dark age which Professor Whitehead has recently rechristened the Age of Reason? "The Universe begins to suggest a Mind!" It does, indeed.

Copernicus of Modern Religion.

And there are consequences. Newman examines all those consequences of the belief which popular Pantheism is content to ignore, though it would often accept them separately. He finds that God is not only present, but divided by a gulf from His creatures. He is even the sustaining power of those who sin; is close to the most polluted; touches, and is not touched, as the sun's rays penetrate, without defilement, into the most hideous recesses.

It is not yet realised how amazingly Newman, in his great essay on Development, anticipated in a far higher field the ideas of the evolutionists. Nor is it realised how, in certain majestic passages on the relativity of Space and Time, he anticipated other modern thinkers; and, if we may dare to speak so figuratively, rolled the stone of the material universe away from the tomb of the spirit of man. In certain aspects of his genius, he was the Copernicus of modern religion, reversing much that had hitherto been accepted, and throwing upon it that new light which is also the most ancient because it has always been there, awaiting our discovery. An instance of this is his exquisite passage on the passionate longing with which many persons look back to their childhood. He shows that this nostalgia is an illusion.

> They are full of tender affectionate thoughts towards those first years, but they do not know why. They think it is those very years which they yearn after, whereas it is the presence of God, which, as they now see, was then over them, which attracts them. They think that they regret the past, when they are but longing after the future. It is not that they would be children again, but that they would be angels and would see God; they would be immortal beings, crowned with amaranth, robed in white, and with palms in their hands, before His throne.

Wordsworth and Newman.

Wordsworth's Ode on the Intimations of Immortality is among the crowning glories of English poetry; but it would have been doubly beautiful if it had been touched with the profound truth of this passage. For Wordsworth's poem, taken literally, is untrue to the facts of life. Its beauty consists in the fact that it is an exquisite mirage of the eternal thrown upon the fading skies of the past. Newman moves along the true road of development, or "evolution," from the childhood of the individual, or the race, up to the apprehension of God, through the reason and the conscience, the new birth of the spirit in the sacramental association of man with his Maker; and, finally, the beatific vision, in the eternal Kingdom of Reality.

POPULAR TERATOLOGY.

"The Mystery and Lore of Monsters." By C. J. S. Thompson. (Williams and Norgate. 15s.)

The title of this book, the circumstance that its author is an official of the Royal College of Surgeons, and that it is introduced by a brief foreword from the pen of Sir D'Arcy Power, another official of that institution, might occasion the belief that it is a scientific, dry as dust discourse on the subject of teratology. That is by no means the case. There is very little that is purely scientific in the volume, which might be described as an extremely interesting *catalogue raisonné* of all the kinds of monsters, human and animal, which we owe to the caprice of nature, to the invention of poets and imaginative travellers, and to the myth-making faculty of savage peoples. Mr. Thompson has ranged far afield, both in space and time, to fill his collection. Greece, Egypt, Syria, India, China, and countless other lands, not to speak of the vast ocean spaces, have all contributed to his museum of oddities, natural and invented. Ctesias, Aulus Gellus, Ptolemy, Pliny, and other marvel-mongers of the antique world stand cheek and jowl with Marco Polo and Mandeville. Man has always been credulous and greedy of marvels, and in the pre-scientific era men of the highest intelligence were well-nigh as gullible as their less gifted neighbour. When Shakespeare made Othello include, among the wonders he described to Desdemona,

> The Anthropophagi, and men whose heads
> Do grow beneath their shoulders,

it is quite possible that he was not certain that the second-named of those monstrosities was not as real as the first, which still exists in odd corners of the earth.

Human "Freaks."

It is when Mr. Thompson comes down to the biological "freaks" of whose existence there is ample proof that he is most interesting. The Siamese Twins, who lived within the memory of many still living people, were simply the best known specimens of a phenomenon which has occurred in all ages and many countries, of which Mr. Thompson gives descriptions illustrated by authentic portraits. There may be still alive a few people who remember the American dwarf, Tom Thumb, who measured 25 inches and weighed 15 lb. Tom would appear to have been a man of wit. He was generally costumed in the uniform of Napoleon, and so garbed, was presented to the Duke of Wellington. He was apparently lost in reverie, and being asked by the Duke of what he was thinking, replied, "the loss of the battle of Waterloo." There will certainly be plenty of people who remember Chang, the eight-foot Chinaman, who had a sister ten inches taller than himself, who unfortunately died on attaining womanhood.

It seems as if the sea-serpent, a monster still generally classed with the gryphon and the centaur, may yet be received as a genuine product of nature. Certainly no reasonable person who reads the consensus of evidence quoted by Mr. Thompson can dismiss him with the old undiscriminating contempt to the limbo of the impossible.

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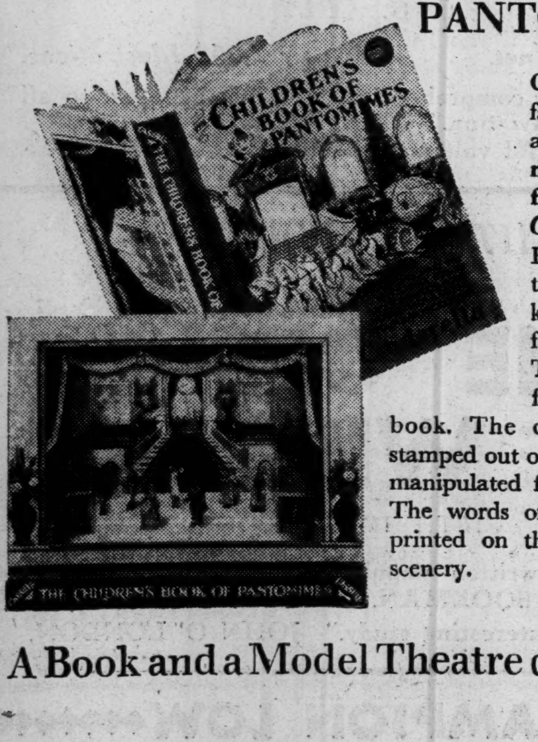

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"Our Lord Birkenhead: An Oxford Appreciation." By Ivor Thomas. (Putnam. 5s.)

"Dr. Barnardo, Physician, Pioneer, Prophet." By J. Wesley Bready. (Allen and Unwin. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by J. M. BULLOCH.

In the course of his rectorial speech at St. Andrews Dr. Nansen spoke of the call of the unknown as one of the great *motifs* of his life. When he died Viscount Cecil very rightly described the Fram, that is the Forward, as the "epitome of his life," while Professor Gilbert Murray fitly noted that he seemed to come to us from the heroic age.

A glimpse of that heroic age is given by an American enthusiast, Mr. Edward F. Gray, in his "Leif Eriksson, Discoverer of America," or, as the old sagas call it, "Vinland the Good," a region identified with the track of country from the north end of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, southwards to Block Island, near Newport. Curiously enough, Nansen dismissed the sagas describing these voyages as being little better than realistic novels, but modern scholarship accepts them more literally, and Mr. Gray, who summarises much recent investigation, takes the same line. Yet the intrepidity of facing the Atlantic in the crazy-looking craft of the day makes one almost incredulous, for it beggars the bravery of the airman. Mr. Gray's voyaging among the sagas and the mass of corroborative detail is in itself a great adventure.

Nansen's Adventures.

Nansen's great adventures on the Fram, for the preservation of which Mr. Whitehouse's anthology of tribute has been produced, were a symbol of his whole life. When the war came, the call of the unknown, the summons to investigate the secrets of nature was changed, as Lord Cecil says, into a pursuit of an ideal, the League of Nations, "a voyage of adventure no less attractive, and even more important, which occupied him the rest of his life." People often said he was like a Viking; but they were savage fighters and plunderers, whereas Nansen was "a friend to all whom he met, and most of all a friend to those who were most suffering." Thus the "Book of Homage," which Mr. Whitehouse has pieced lovingly together, thrills you by its moral intrepidity.

Was Nelson Really Intrepid?

The physical gallantry of Nelson holds the imagination of the world, but his latest biographers deny him moral intrepidity, for they hold that he went into action at Trafalgar hoping for death because of his country's attitude to Lady Hamilton—"propriety slew him on his own quarter-deck." The book, which is brightly enough written, is an example of what may be called the Strachey category: you select one aspect of your subject, in this case Emma, and force everything into it. The result is dramatic, but one feels it is not proportioned history.

Lord Birkenhead's Dash.

It was not for nothing that Lord Birkenhead loved yachting with its sense of adventure, though he usually drew his metaphors from the tented field, with its "glittering prizes" for "those who have stout hearts and sharp swords" rather than from the sea. But he was always daring, and almost courted danger, for even as a boy at Birkenhead Grammar School he declared that he "intended" one day to be either Lord Chancellor or Prime Minister. His young biographer, who makes use of some Oxford minutes books, though they cannot be said to yield much information, is interesting as an interpreter of character, and in that capacity he has, like the two writers on Nelson, fallen back on a category which decides that Lord Birkenhead will go down in history as "the great paradox of our times." He plays on this idea for all it is worth, even to the point of contradiction, for, while he opens with the statement that the "world is all the poorer" for Lord Birkenhead's loss, he also tells us that by his philosophy he "did his best to secure that a future F. E. Smith should remain an F. E. Smith."

Barnardo, the Intrepid Rescuer.

Thomas John Barnardo's intrepid life was exactly the opposite of this reading of Lord Birkenhead's character, for he put thousands of homeless children, who had not even so familiar a name as Smith, in the way of being somebodies, sending them afloat on all the Seven Seas, literally and metaphorically, for both the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine boast large numbers of "old boys," not a few of them officers, some of them even commanders. Dr. Wesley Bready has tackled his subject con amore, for, like many of Barnardo's waifs, he too was brought up "on the hards," and his previous book on Lord Shaftesbury has made him thoroughly familiar with the whole social setting of Dr. Barnardo's heroic efforts. With the blood of at least seven nationalities in his virile veins, including a Hebrew strain from Spain, via Alexandria in the fifteenth century, Barnardo knew what persecution meant. So from the moment he came to London in 1866 with the view of becoming a medical missionary till his death nearly forty years later, he fought, against tremendous odds, to make the homeless waif into a useful citizen, sending to the Dominions alone 50,000 boys and girls, some of whom have become legislators and cabinet ministers in Canada and Australia. The story is not new, but Dr. Bready, himself a Canadian, tells it well and with a philosophical grasp of the ideas which inspired Barnardo's gallant voyagings in the shallows and backwaters of our social system. Like all enthusiastic books, this one carries you along with it.

SOME GREAT QUEENS.

"The Intimate Life of the Queen of Sheba." By Norman Hill. (Marriott. 12s. 6d.)

"The Love Life of Julius Cæsar." By Renée Dunan. (Routledge. 10s. 6d.)

"Mary of Scotland (1561-1568)." By Grant R. Francis. (Murray. 16s.)

The Queen of Sheba, Cleopatra, and Mary Queen of Scots, three fascinating figures, inspire three books which seem to have been written with a special eye on the woman reader. In dealing with the Queen of Sheba, Mr. Norman Hill has found a good subject for treatment in a sort of film style. The story as told in the book of "Kings" is tantalisingly meagre. He has filled up the interstices in a popular way, so that the reader gets a broad view of the Queen and of Solomon and their respective countries.

Though Cleopatra did not enter Cæsar's life till he was over 50, she played a crucial part in his career, and, according to Mlle. Dunan, this explains certain aspects of his character. Your ordinary historian usually concentrates on Cæsar the soldier, but to Mlle. Dunan "generalship seems to be upon the same level as table-turning." She "refuses to believe in the existence of a military science." In direct opposition to some elements in Mr. Hill's book, she has no use for explaining the minds and deeds of ancient people in the terms of modern conceptions. The book is interesting as an example of how a woman views the advent of Cleopatra and the fascination by her of Cæsar and Antony. From the psychological point of view this is for Mlle. Dunan, who glozes nothing, "the most amazing case of the kind recorded in history."

Of all our sovereigns none continues to rouse greater interest than Mary Queen of Scots, and every new reading of her character is sure of an eager audience. However we view her, the ability of Mary, who came to her kingdom at nineteen, stands out clearly. To Mr. Francis, for whom she needs no "whitewashing," she is wholly fascinating, and his handling of the vastness of the material about her will certainly turn the reader to other sources.

NEW FICTION.

STORIES AND SATIRES.

"The Square Circle." By Denis Mackail. (Hodder and Stoughton. 7s. 6d.)

"His Monkey Wife." By John Collier. (Davies. 7s. 6d.)

"The Narrative of Jasper Weeple." By J. R. Sutherland. (Partridge. 7s. 6d.)

"Quiet Ways." By Katherine Burdekin. (Thornton Butterworth. 7s. 6d.)

"There is a Tide." By Agnes Logan. (Nisbet. 7s. 6d.)

"Spleen." By Olive Moore. (Jarrolds. 7s. 6d.)

"The Second Shot." By Anthony Berkeley. (Hodder and Stoughton. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by RALPH STRAUS.

It is just possible that the eastern side of Tiverton Square (?W.2) is the most fashionable. Lady Foley lives there, and her dances are mentioned in the newspapers. But Mr. Justice Melhuish and Sir Herbert Livewright, the financier, live on the north side, which is almost as important, and can boast of an extra storey. As for the southern side—well, it is not a pleasant thing to have to say, but in a year or two the southern side will probably have become split up into mere flats. Nevertheless, even here some quite jolly people manage to live, and their children can go into the Square gardens and play with other people's children from east and north, and if you care to explore the place with Mr. Mackail (a painstaking guide) you will come to understand many things, even the Garden Committee, and Mr. Aaronson's heart (not a medical case), and Mrs. Carpenter's poor health, and the Davidsons' car.

"The Square Circle," indeed, is not so much a story as a panorama, an amusing and light-hearted and sometimes rather moving panorama. You are shown the Tiverton Squarites at work and at play, giving parties at hours depending on the ages of the hostesses, falling in love, eating and sleeping and enjoying little "rows," being absurd, and, occasionally, getting hatched, matched, and even despatched. And there is nobody who can do this kind of thing so charmingly as Mr. Mackail.

TWO SATIRES.

Mr. Collier makes his bow as a satirist, which is always a slightly dangerous rôle to adopt. "His Monkey Wife" is amusing, well-written—there is a touch here and there of something like the grand manner—and yet faintly disappointing. Perhaps the extravaganza is not quite whimsical enough; perhaps the story of Mr. Fatigay and his exceedingly high-brow chimpanzee is too long-drawn out. The chimp herself, however, is very good fun. Arriving in England with the master whom she adores, she is naturally upset at being given to his fiancée and forced to act as her maid-of-all-work. She finds our police splendid, is understandably permitted to use the British Museum Reading Room, and manages to change places with her mistress at the important moment of Mr. Fatigay's marriage. Which sounds rather dreadful—until you have made the acquaintance of the fiancée herself. It is a diverting experiment which succeeds, but—only to a point.

In "The Narrative of Jasper Weeple" Mr. J. R. Sutherland is also attempting satire, and here again there is good writing, a novel idea, and one or two very shrewd hits at our odd way of doing things. Mr. Weeple, wandering about Oxfordshire in a small car, manages to reach an enchanted portion of the country which only comes to life when a stranger kisses its sleeping princess. A rather backward, fourteenth century-ish place it is, with laws against drinking water, no marriages, and an almost unhealthy desire on the part of its inhabitants to be allowed to work. Some of Mr. Weeple's adventures are sufficiently quaint, and his outlook permits Mr. Sutherland to air views with which many most respectable folk, to their own surprise, may find themselves in agreement. Yet here too one is conscious of some disappointment. Perhaps it is that so many opportunities seem to have been missed.

THREE OR FOUR REBELS.

Miss Burdekin's new novel is not too well titled. "Quiet Ways" suggests a backwatery and dreamlike story. In reality it is a study of one or two rebels, and, incidentally, a fierce polemic against modern warfare. At 18 Helga is told by a boy that she is "a great smooth woman like ivory," and can complete the quotation. In the war years she works hard in a hospital, and almost breaks down. She marries a private soldier, who, like herself, loathes war. He writes novels which are successful, and mellows; and what of her? That is the problem which Miss Burdekin sets out to solve. I found the book interesting, but faintly irritating.

There is another rebel in "There is a Tide." Joe Cheriton is a North Country architect who has designed plans for a wonderful cathedral. The plans are sent in by a pupil of his, and when they win the competition the pupil pretends that they are his own. The idea is not new, though it is one which is to be found more often in the books than in real life. Cheriton, I presume, could easily have asserted his rights, but a strange challenge is made by the pupil. To its real designer the cathedral-to-be is an expression of a great spiritual idea; to the pupil it is merely a work of art. And if Cheriton is the Christian he pretends to be, he will be ready to give up the plans for all time. He does give them up, and so permits Miss Logan to tell a pleasant and moving though rather conventional story. The saint as hero is never an easy proposition, but I am bound to add that Miss Logan has managed to make of her architect a real man.

Very different is Miss Olive Moore's "Spleen." To be candid, I cannot imagine that this strangely beautiful study of a woman who rebels against the bearing of children, after a dreadful experience of her own, will be widely popular. It is a difficult book to read. Its story is told in a difficult way. And yet, read carefully, it produces a very considerable impression. There are pictures of Italian life which do not readily fade from one's memory. At the same time, I am not convinced that the older forms would not have suited Miss Moore's purpose equally well.

A REALLY GOOD YARN.

What, asks Mr. Berkeley in a preface to "The Second Shot," is to be the future of the detective story? Will not people become rather tired of the mere puzzle? Will they not demand in their thrillers the same study of character and the same accurate portraits that are to be found in other kinds of novels? I certainly hope that they will, and I can recommend to their attention Mr. Berkeley's own story, which combines a really neat puzzle with a picture of men and women in whom we can believe. It seems fairly obvious that somebody killed young Scott-Davies, but who actually did? Mr. Pinkerton, who tells the story, is himself suspected, and summons the redoubtable Roger Sherringham to his aid. Half-way through the book I was convinced that I had guessed the secret, and continued to read the book mainly to watch Mr. Pinkerton's own transformation from a stupid prig into what the Americans call a regular fellow. I read on, and nothing happened as I expected. This is a really good yarn, which I can warmly recommend.

"BURKE'S PEERAGE."

The 1931 issue of "Burke's Peerage" (eighty-ninth edition) shows itself, as always, a handbook which no one concerned in public affairs can afford to do without. Its usual features are marked by their unfailing accuracy in detail; and among the recent events chronicled are the birth of Princess Margaret Rose, the creation of ten new peerages and baronetcies, and a number of changes on the episcopal bench.

THE WAR IN PALESTINE.

"History of the Great War—Military Operations, Egypt and Palestine." By Captain Cyril Falls. (Stationery Office. 2 vols. 20s. Maps, 10s.)

Reviewed by H. CHARLES WOODS.

The two volumes at present under review, which form a continuation of the author's earlier history, cover the period from June 1917 until the end of the war, and their story begins from the time when Sir Edmund Allenby took over the command of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. The book, therefore, includes an account of the whole of the second phase of the fighting in this theatre of war—that is to say, of the phase when the campaign was directed not merely to defend Egypt and the Suez Canal, but to conquer Palestine, to drive Turkey out of the war, and to undermine the position of the Central Powers, particularly in the East.

At the beginning the British line ran into the desert from a point on the Mediterranean to the south-west of Gaza, and we were therefore practically in control of the Sinai Peninsula. At the time of the Armistice with Turkey on October 31, 1918, the British forces had advanced beyond Aleppo, various further areas being occupied after the exit of Turkey from the war. We are, therefore, now provided with official accounts of the capture of Gaza and Beersheba in the autumn of 1917, and of the occupation of Jerusalem early in December of that year. Subsequently the author tells us about the taking of Jericho, the several raids into Trans-Jordan, and the great advance towards and beyond Damascus.

A Tribute to General Allenby.

Whilst it would have been difficult to provide anything really new in a book of such a kind, Captain Falls has certainly produced two volumes at the same time useful to the Staff College student and interesting to the ordinary reader, and he has thrown many sidelights upon our existing information. Very few, except those actually present during the campaign, can have realised to what extent the success of these operations was due to the personality, vigour and thoroughness of the Commander-in-Chief. He was constantly up at the front, he urged on tired men himself, and he had the greatest influence over the Brigade and Regimental Commanders. Furthermore, whilst Sir Edmund Allenby was obviously obliged to bow to decisions of broader policy taken at home, he was never afraid to express his opinions, he always embarked upon his operations with a fixed determination, and he was strong enough to abandon an attack when he considered it had ceased to be worth its cost and risk.

The Arab campaign on the east of the Jordan is placed in its proper proportions, and the difficulties depending upon a frequent lack of water, upon the intense heat, and upon the bad roads are clearly brought out. The strategical employment of cavalry was useful and important; the better a horse was bred the longer he lasted, and the surprise concentration, followed by the final advance, was enormously furthered by the British mastery of the air.

The serious nature of the book is brightened up by sundry stories. Turkish emissaries, desirous of surrendering Jerusalem, were found wandering about by our troops, and the commander of the Turkish defences escaped from Damascus just before its capture. That Arab soldier, afterwards Prime Minister of Trans-Jordan, was so excited in recounting the tricks which he had played upon his Turkish masters that he upset the table, the eggs, and the cocoa prepared for breakfast at British headquarters.

PROBLEMS OF THE EMPIRE.

"New Imperial Ideals." By Robert Stokes. (Murray. 10s. 6d.)

Reviewed by FRANCES STEVENSON.

The Imperial Conference has come and gone, and the delegates from the Dominions have been sent, so we are told, disappointed, away. Another important conference is now sitting, which will decide the fate of the Indian Empire. The public is very much occupied these days with events and tendencies in the British Empire, so that Mr. Stokes's volume, which deals exhaustively and ably with matters of the greatest interest relating to the Dominions, India, and the rest of the Empire, will find eager readers.

The author deals with imperial matters from every angle and in every quarter, and his keen and stimulating suggestions will meet with approval from those who realise that our imperial problems must be approached in an unbiassed and unprejudiced attitude, and that only in such a manner can any effective solution be engendered. To quote from the able preface by Lord Lloyd, "in every chapter the author blazes in greater or less degree the trail of fresh thought."

Centripetal Policy.

Mr. Stokes is extremely doubtful as to the results of the Imperial Conference of 1926, criticising the fruit it has already borne and indicating disquieting prospects. But he is constructive as well as critical: he has his own theory of how our Empire should be governed, and of what form of Government would avoid disruption. Contrary to the decisions of the 1926 Imperial Conference, his policy is centripetal rather than centrifugal. He would make the Imperial Conference the machinery of government, but he would have it as a permanent institution, sitting in London, with responsible members of the Dominions as representatives, and with full powers. On the analogy of the League of Nations this body would be a League of Empire actively and constantly engaged in the government of the Empire. The control of the non-self-governing Dependencies would be handed over to it, and the author outlines the advantages which would accrue as a result of this step.

But Mr. Stokes does not leave the matter there. He takes each non-self-governing Dependency in turn, examines the conditions there, and visualises the reaction of the Dominions to those conditions in the event of their having to shoulder responsibility.

Faith and Courage.

The work is a rousing call to lovers of the British Empire to set the house in order before it is too late. The writer provides us with an alternative to the existing machinery of government, which he proves is haphazard and spasmodic. "Great Britain," he says, "is going through a phase during which she stands in peculiar need of just those spiritual qualities in which the Dominions are so strong, of robust faith in the mission of European civilisation, and courage to embark on great projects and carry them through." Mr. Stokes himself has a passionate feeling for Empire, for its possibilities and opportunities, as well as for the responsibilities and even the sacrifices which it entails. He makes us aware of what the British Empire has meant in the past to civilisation, and of what it can mean for humanity in the future.

DIARIES AND CALENDARS.

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PRE-WAR AMERICA.

"Pre-War America." By Mark Sullivan. (Scribners. 21s.)

Reviewed by JOHN S. STEELE.

This book, which is the third in the series "Our Times," by Mr. Mark Sullivan, might better have been called "Theodore Roosevelt and His Times," for considerably more than half of it is devoted to that vivid personality. It is inevitable, of course, that any book which purports to be a history of America in the two decades before the war should be so weighted, for during that period the history of American political life was the history of Roosevelt.

Mr. Sullivan, who is widely known on both sides of the Atlantic as one of the best informed of the group of political writers who make their headquarters in Washington, is a Roosevelt worshipper. In that he is not unique, for most of the political correspondents who had the privilege of knowing Roosevelt were inspired by his immense energy and vision. Probably there has been no politician in modern life who owed so much to the Press and to whom the men who worked on the Press owed so much.

The picture which Mr. Sullivan paints of pre-war America, or rather, of pre-war Washington, is an attractive one, and the book is immensely valuable to those who, like myself, feel the need of refreshing their memories about the events of the period when modern America was in the making. It is crammed full of facts and curious sidelights on events which were at the time perhaps somewhat obscure, and it describes the rise of some figures in American public life to-day, and reveals how much they owe to Roosevelt.

Some, alas! like Taft, have passed from the scene, but others, like Root, Hughes, Borah, and Jerome, are still with us, and are immensely influential on the better side of American politics.

Roosevelt and Taft.

Mr. Sullivan makes little attempt to preach or to draw conclusions. His book is a mass of carefully arranged and documented facts, and the numerous first-person quotations from the principal actors in the events narrated will form a mine of information for future historians.

The book opens with a chapter on William Howard Taft, surely the most loveable of American Presidents. It tells of the early friendship between Roosevelt and Taft, and how Taft for years sacrificed his ambition to sit on the Supreme Court bench to his conception of public duty in the Philippines, in Cuba, and elsewhere. When the time came for Roosevelt to choose his successor—for he nominated his successor as definitely as any mediæval despot—he unhesitatingly chose Taft. He would have preferred Root, who undoubtedly had the better brain, but he recognised—as did Root, too—that Root's connection with big business as a corporation lawyer would have made him a difficult candidate to elect. Hughes was also considered, but put aside because he was young and lacked magnetism, and the choice fell on Taft. Taft was informed by Loeb, Roosevelt's confidential secretary, and when he called to thank Roosevelt the latter replied, "Yes, Will. It is the thing to do."

Hughes's beginning as chief counsel "for the prosecution" in the great Insurance Investigation in 1905 is described, as is also the appearance of the present Senator Borah as a real prosecutor of the Idaho miners accused of the murder of the ex-Governor of that State.

Songs of the Period.

Mr. Sullivan does not confine himself entirely to politics. One of his most interesting chapters is devoted to the songs of the period, and nothing can more vividly illustrate the change which has come over the American scene than a comparison between their sweet sentimentalism and the ragtime and jazz of to-day. The theatre also comes in for a chapter, while there is one on the great business depression in 1907 which is timely reading now.

One feature of the book which will surprise students of modern America is that there is no chapter on crime, and, in fact, hardly any mention of it. The reason is that crime, as it is known to-day, did not exist then. There were no great rewards for gangsters and murderers in the illicit sale of liquor, for in those days liquor was sold freely and legally. There was some corruption, of course, but it was nothing compared with what goes on at present, and its practitioners were not above the law when they were caught.

I know that everyone is liable to think that old times were best, but I laid down Mr. Sullivan's book with the very definite impression that the America which he paints, and which I knew well, was a pleasanter place than the America of to-day.

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CHATTERTON.

"A Life of Thomas Chatterton." By E. H. W. Meyerstein. (Ingpen and Grant. 30s.)

Reviewed by DILYS POWELL.

Mr. Meyerstein's book is, we are told, the result of nine years' research into the problems of Chatterton's life and work. It is distinguished for its thoroughness more than for its imagination: but we have had too much imagination in biographies since Mr. Lytton Strachey set a fashion dangerous to almost every writer except himself, and it is positively a relief to read a book in which every page is based on solid fact. Not that this is exactly a book for the "general reader"; it has over 500 pages without its appendices and index, and the minutest detail is examined and, if possible, corroborated before it is accepted. Mr. Meyerstein's reward is with the scholar and the specialist; for his "Life," with its mass of documentation and its determination to discover the truth even at the expense of sentiment, will take its place as a "standard work."

Mr. Meyerstein destroys one or two myths in his majestic march towards truth. For one thing he exonerates Horace Walpole from the worst charges which have been brought against him with reference to his reception of "Rowley"; Walpole, he points out, might well have supposed himself the intended victim of some literary wag when faced with what he recognised as a forgery. One is glad to think that the man who wept the death of a spaniel carried off by a wolf would not willingly have ill-used even a poet, however he may have dealt with Madame du Deffand.

Not a "Poor Boy."

Again, Mr. Meyerstein rejects the "poor boy" attitude towards Chatterton (certainly no attitude would have more annoyed the poet himself):—

> It was only with the dawn of a sentimental era—Dix's "Life" appeared in 1837—that the acrimonious prodigy, who rushed into the presence of his Maker, became the helpless, starving, boy poet, who stoically resigned his life before his eighteenth birthday.

Mr. Meyerstein shows us Chatterton as "a mooning omnivorous, fatherless urchin of seven and three-quarters, dismissed his first school as dull"; then as a "difficult employee," an apprentice at Lambert's the attorney's; as an unpopular Bristol celebrity engaged in literary and historical forgeries; and finally, as the proud, bitter creature in Shoreditch and Brooke Street seeking a refuge from the world in suicide. For the suicide Mr. Meyerstein does not find poverty and hunger wholly responsible:—

> For myself, I am satisfied that, apart from the denial of the loaf [by a distrustful baker], his constitutional melancholy, exasperated by lack of sleep, delays in payment, and the agony, at this juncture, with the burletta unperformed, of keeping up the farce of brilliant success which had run through all his letters home, drove him to this, not the least among the regular objects of his contemplation.

A large proportion of the book is, therefore, devoted to the years in Bristol, which obviously acted more powerfully on the poet's temperament than the few months in London. The truth, of course, is that Chatterton was a Romantic born a few decades too early. Fifty years later he would have found himself more at home in the world: kindred melancholies might have soothed his own for a space at least. After all, even Keats survived his eighteenth birthday. Whether Chatterton's reputation would have benefited had he died older is another matter, on which Mr. Meyerstein quotes some pertinent comments. A detailed, acute, and extremely sympathetic analysis of the Rowley poems is one of the best sections in a book altogether admirable.

ONE-MAN RULE.

"Dictatorship on Its Trial." A Symposium. Edited by Otto Forst De Battaglia. (Harrap. 18s.)

In this volume the enormously complicated question of the advantages and disadvantages of Dictatorship is discussed from no fewer than twenty-two divergent points of view by an equal number of disputants. Students of politics will gratefully recognise the debt they owe to its editor, who has so carefully and in so catholic a spirit afforded them at least the raw materials out of which a really instructed verdict on the subject may be extracted. In England the question is, and will pretty certainly remain, one of merely academic interest. In most, if not all, of the countries which have had recourse to Dictatorship, it has been adopted as the one form of government which could extrude or prevent the development of Bolshevism. Being untouched by the menace of the malady, we have no need of the prophylactic; but so great a political experience can be safely ignored by no community.

The different essays of which the volume is composed, differing in almost every other possible respect, are all alike in one respect—they are all fine in tone, each is the earnest expression of a reasoned conviction. Perhaps the most generally interesting is that of Signor Emilio Bodrero, sometime Secretary of State to Signor Mussolini, a recognised authority on public law and political philosophy. He regards Dictatorship as a plant natural to the soil of Italy, and democracy in any form as a sterile spindling like those in Tennyson's poem, which,

> though fed with careful dirt
> Is neither green nor sappy.

To Mr. Wickham Steed Dictatorship is impossible as a permanent condition. It means slavery, culminating in revolt. Not the least interesting, though beyond comparison the briefest, essay is that from the pen of Herr Albert Einstein, who dismisses the subject in two brief sentences. "A Dictatorship means muzzles all round. Science can flourish only in an atmosphere of free speech."

OUR NATIONAL DEBT.

"The National Debt." By E. L. Hargreaves. (Arnold. 15s.)

Reviewed by HAROLD COX.

At a very opportune moment there appears a book by Dr. E. L. Hargreaves, of Oriel College, dealing with the history and the present state of our national debt. It comprises particulars of the origin of the debt and of the various methods of borrowing used by the State at different periods. It also deals with the numerous attempts to establish sinking funds intended gradually to wipe out the whole of the debt that had been incurred up to date. None of these attempts were even approximately successful, for again and again it happened that as soon as a sinking fund had reached a substantial figure the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the day found some excuse for cutting it down. The greater part of our national debt has been created by the cost of national wars. But on not infrequent occasions in past generations, as in the present, money has been borrowed for civilian purposes. For example, in 1835 and 1836 the Government of the United Kingdom raised loans aggregating over £20,000,000 in order to pay compensation to the slave owners of the West Indies for the abolition of slavery. A few years later loans amounting to £10,000,000 were raised for the relief of distress in Ireland and in the West Indies. The British taxpayer has had to bear the burden.

The American Debt.

Dr. Hargreaves also notes that on several occasions money advanced by England on loan to British possessions and to foreign countries has later on been converted into a free gift. This generous system of finance has indeed in more recent times been applied on a colossal scale to the money advanced by us to our allies during the war. In 1926, after various adjustments, the debt due by France to Great Britain was set down at £653,000,000. Arrangements were then made for spreading payment of capital and interest over a period of sixty-two years, and according to the calculations of Dr. Hargreaves the interest we shall receive will amount to less than 1 per cent. per annum on the money we lent. In the case of Italy our position is even worse, for no interest is paid and a large part of the principal is written off.

If the United States had behaved towards us in a similar spirit these arrangements would have been less unfair than they actually are. But although all the money we borrowed from the United States was used for the purpose of a common war, and although most of this money was spent in buying war material from American citizens at hugely inflated prices, the American Government insisted on what is virtually full payment. The rate of interest was fixed at 3 per cent. for the first ten years after 1922, and 3½ per cent. afterwards up to the end of 1984. The annual sums payable are £33,000,000 up till 1932, and £38,000,000 for each of the remaining fifty-two years. Even the smaller of those sums is considerably more than the annual cost of our national debt before the war.

A Growing Burden.

Interesting tables are given showing the amount and the cost of the debt at different periods. Early in the eighteenth century, in the year 1714, our total debt was only £36,175,000. By 1815, largely as the result of the long wars with France, the debt had risen to £834,000,000. During the ensuing years of the nineteenth century considerable, though insufficient, efforts were made by means of sinking funds to reduce the debt. It was largely—apart from the Crimean War and the South African War—a period of peace, yet by the year 1914 our national debt had only been brought down to £650,000,000—a very poor achievement.

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"Bird-Watching and Bird Behaviour." By Julian Huxley. (Chatto and Windus. 5s.)

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The minds of birds—minds capable, he holds, of limited learning—and their place in nature are among his topics. Some may think that he does not credit them with as much intelligence as he should. Thus the mobbing of hawks and owls by small birds strikes him as "a strange bit of bird psychology"; but it must indeed be a senseless creature that does not know its enemy. Avian mimicry, again, perplexes him; but birds are known to indulge in play, and may not mimicry be a species of relaxation? These, at any rate, are debatable points; but all may heartily agree with Mr. Huxley that birds possess an æsthetic as well as an utilitarian value for human beings.

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The first and second parts of this rather formidable-looking book, which treat of the years 1880-98 and 1899-1910, were both published, soon after they were written, in the distant days before the war; the third and largest part, carrying the story on to the end of the war, was published only last year. But the two earlier volumes had long been out of print, with the result that Mr. Gretton and his publisher have decided to reprint all the three books in a single "omnibus volume," as the ugly phrase goes, giving us what purports to be a history of our country for a period of some forty years, in a book of nearly 1,200 pages, and all for 12s. 6d. Is not this what the French would call an occasion? To recover the life of that remote age which for many years had been almost obliterated by the blinding smoke of the war—the age of the two Jubilees, and the Boer War and the Coronation of Edward VII., an age in which the world in spite of its many troubles seemed on the whole so secure, so settled, so prosperous, and then to watch its transformation in that enormous catastrophe, which has changed, as we say, the face of Europe; what could be more interesting, more valuable than this? Here, indeed, one feels, was a well-chosen period, a fine theme for the writer of modern history.

Very Lively and Animated.

Mr. Gretton's book opens gloomily, but rather picturesquely, in a fog. It was a fog which brooded over London, "almost without intermission," from November, 1879, to February, 1880, a fog which the author suggests may have been an emanation of the feelings of Englishmen at that time; for trade was stagnant, agriculture was depressed, there were disputes about wages, and a Budget deficit. But soon the fog begins to lift, and we are introduced to various activities, social, political, and religious. We hear of a game called lawn tennis, then just coming into vogue; of a set of smart people called "the Souls"; of an evening party which includes Oscar Wilde and Whistler and the Prince of Wales; and of the first use of the telephone and electric light. In the next chapter we find ourselves in the General Election of 1880 and the beginnings of the Irish troubles. In the next, which for no very apparent reason is headed "Common Sense," we are contemplating a revival of trade and of art, and mourning, though only with a moderate grief, the death of Lord Beaconsfield; and so on through year after year to the end of the second book in 1910. Each year is packed neatly into a single chapter, or sometimes, if very important, into two. Each chapter is labelled with its appropriate heading, such as "Year of Groundswell," "Le Bourgeois Epaté," or "Pageantry, Suffragettes and the Druce Case"; and in every chapter we find a summary of the principal events of the year, and of the state of public opinion and the Press. It is all very lively and animated, and for a little while at any rate amusing.

A Stream of Information.

The information, however, is not all of the same value. Thus on page 235 we read:—

> The great excitement of the summer was the railway race to the North . . . . the race hit the public fancy.

Again, on page 739, we find this startling announcement:—

> A by-election in the Ashburton division of Devonshire was fought with a good deal of fury.

What thrills we seem to have had in these far-off days! And two years later, in 1910, we are told (p. 788):—

> People drifted back from holidays spoiled by a soaking August to their normal occupations.

But in case our attention should wander amidst the stream of information that is poured upon us, the author himself is constantly at hand with some illuminating comment. Thus we read on page 252:—

> The body politic of England stirred uneasily, and could not go to sleep again. . . . So England practically spent the year with its own conscience

That was in 1888. We confess we had not realised our sleepless state. And in the following year we read (p. 252):—

> Thus in a full tide of interests the country swept on to a profound shock.

The shock, one gathers, was the dock labourers' strike; but how and why the country swept on to it is not so clear. For on turning to the preceding page, the only interests we find mentioned are the arrest of Dr. Tanner, the visits to London of General Boulanger, the Shah of Persia, and Barnum's Show, and the trial of Mrs. Maybrick. Not a very strong tide, one would think, to sweep a country on even to a dock strike.

But is it History?

Altogether, it must be confessed that, in spite of the author's efforts to be bright and animated, and the wit he often displays, the reading of the earlier portions of this book with any attempt at continuity produces an almost intolerable weariness. This perpetual summarising of the state of public opinion, as revealed in the daily or weekly or monthly Press, this long string of petty events, extracted from old newspapers, this continual insistence on "what the ordinary man is thinking about"—I quote from the advertisement on the paper cover—as if his thoughts really mattered, can such writing as this, we ask, be described as history? Fortunately the author, in a very interesting preface, has himself answered our question. The title of the book, he says in effect, is a little misleading. It should have been called, "but for the cumbrousness" of the phrase, "Materials for"—or even "Correctives to"—a modern history. We do not quite know what he means by "correctives," though we are grateful for the admission. But it is a pity that when an author can show such a fine appreciation of the meaning of history as he shows in the preface, and can write so well as he writes in the greater part of Book III., that he did not go to the trouble of revising the crude and rather trivial writing which is so conspicuous in the two earlier books, before publishing a volume which, in title at any rate, suggests comparison with one of the best of English histories.

PROUD SALOPIA.

"The Shropshire of Mary Webb." By W. Reid Chappell. (Palmer. 7s. 6d.)

The writings of Mary Webb have deservedly increased the pride in their country which is felt by "all friends round the Wrekin." As a picture of bygone rural life her "Precious Bane" almost equals the masterpieces of Thomas Hardy. It has evidently been a delight to Mr. Chappell, himself a loyal son of Shropshire, to identify and describe the places mentioned in her novels. It is pleasant, too, to read of the affectionate remembrance in which she is held by the countryfolk among whom she lived, for if not many of them read her books, they appreciated her kindness and her social charm.

But the fame and beauties of the county did not begin with Mary Webb, and Mr. Chappell has ample materials, in addition to her books, on which to draw. His pages are decked with flowers of history, fiction, and tradition. There is the hill called Caradoc, by Church Stretton, where Caractacus, their notable opponent, was at last made captive by the legions of Rome. There is the Longmynd, with its true tale of the heroic clergyman who was not deterred from crossing it in a blizzard, that so he might hold his usual Sunday afternoon service at Ratlinghope, his second charge, and returned in the evening so disfigured by frost and injuries as hardly to be recognised by those who had been in search of him. There is the capital of the county, near which Hotspur fell in battle, and Falstaff "fought a long hour by Shrewsbury clock." Shropshire is rich in such records, and in his very readable book Mr. Chappell has made excellent use of them.

FOR THE WINTER EVENINGS.

"Hunting the Alaska Brown Bear." By John W. Eddy. (Putnam. 15s.)
"The Home of the Blizzard." By Sir Douglas Mawson. (Hodder and Stoughton. 12s. 6d.)
"Danger River." By Clyde Eddy. (Skeffington. 18s.)
"Isles of Adventure." By Beatrice Grimshaw. (Jenkins. 15s.)

Reviewed by ERNEST MUNTON.

The winter evenings have a consolation of their own. Without venturing out into cold and dreary streets to seek diversion, it is possible to get away into other lands and survey fresh scenes, and still remain in the seductive armchair of the home fireside. In that way books, of course, beat by long odds all other forms of recreation, while travel books, by their variety, never fail to provide that refreshing stimulus which change of outlook and activity naturally produce.

If, in December, the idea of hunting the Alaska brown bear should seem congenial, then Mr. Eddy's account is clearly the one to begin on. He is a seasoned adventurer in the game fields of the cold North-West, and as in Alaska the brown bear still roams about with the freedom of his pre-civilisation ancestors, the reader is regaled with a first hand account of his habits and mode of life. Mr. Eddy and his friends secured the limit of bears allowed by their licence. It is explained, incidentally, that the big brown bear—and this is the only book dealing exclusively with his kind—is not dangerous at all times. In ordinary circumstances he will try to get away from man, but let him be cornered or be compelled to fight in defence of mate or cubs, and he can be one of the most dangerous foes to be found anywhere. It was on the slopes of the Pavlof Volcano and its western foothills that Mr. Eddy met over thirty big brown bears, and he pleads for the continuation of their legal protection. It is an absorbing narrative.

The Mawson Expedition.

Sir Douglas Mawson's book is a cheap edition of the story of the Australasian Antarctic Expedition of 1911-14. The original, in two volumes, was a well documented and exhaustive survey of the work of the explorers who investigated the two thousand miles of Antarctic coast between the farthest west of the Terra Nova (Scott's expedition of 1910) and the farthest east of the Gauss (the German Expedition of 1902). But although abridged, this account runs to more than 430 pages, has ninety-two photographs, eighteen diagrams and three folding maps. It gives, indeed, an admirably connected narrative of the Expedition and, as an account of real achievement, is an inspiration to read. Particularly moving is the chapter entitled "Alone," in which Dr. Mawson (as he then was) describes his lonely trek back to safety after the death of his companions.

A Dangerous River.

The Colorado River has no fewer than 300 rapids, and "Danger River" is a vivid account of the only successful attempt to navigate them during the annual period of high water. The uncontrolled fury of the river in its headlong descent from the mountains of the north—it falls 14,000 feet in 1,700 miles—has attracted the attention of great engineers for many years, and recently the Federal Government has decided to build in Black Canyon the world's highest dam. When this is achieved, the harnessing of new water and power supplies will add greatly to the prosperity of this portion of the United States. But that, big scheme as it is, is only incidental against the big fact of the river itself. Mr. Clyde Eddy was the leader of the navigating expedition, and the shooting of these rapids provides wild and dangerous moments. This book is a thrilling chapter of human endurance in the story of man's struggle against natural forces.

Realised Dreams.

Should the reader by this stage desire new fields of adventure, there are the southern seas. Most people dream about them at some time or other, but Beatrice Grimshaw, more fortunate than others, found the opportunity of realising her dreams. Certainly to-day there is no writer whose word is more readily accepted as presenting a true picture of life in the Pacific Islands. She was the first white woman to explore the Sepik and Fly Rivers of New Guinea (where the head-hunters are), and of her many books she now says:—

> I have written as a traveller, a wanderer to whom new and strange things are the chief happiness of life; a dreamer who has had nearly twenty-five years of realised dreams is not yet satisfied. . . I have never been captured by cannibals. I have never been present at a cannibal orgy. . Feasts in my honour have been unaccountably neglected by the chiefs—perhaps because there are practically no chiefs. Worst of all, nobody has ever attempted to make me queen of any place whatever, or worshipped me as a goddess, or tried to sacrifice me to idols.

Even so, Miss Grimshaw, in "Isles of Adventure," tells much that is fascinating and exciting, and she also offers some practical advice to those who dream of occupying "an island of one's own."

THE PENGUIN AT HOME.

"The Island of Penguins." By Cherry Kearton. With ninety illustrations. (Longmans. 10s. 6d.)

From four square miles of rock and sand in the lone Atlantic Mr. Cherry Kearton has returned to tell us all about the black-footed penguins who make their home there; when, that is, they are not at sea. For the penguin is an imperfect bird, to whom flight has been denied, and the sea is his true element. There he can swim and dive with extreme rapidity, there he finds his food. Ashore his gait is a clumsy wobble, varied by occasional leaps. He only visits the land to pair, bring up his young, and moult.

The penguin is gregarious, his million nesting-burrows are almost contiguous to one another. Mr. Kearton was able to observe their occupants at close quarters, for they have no fear of man, but regard him with interested curiosity. Their family affection and conjugal fidelity are admirable. The author found a female bird destroyed in its nest by the fall of a ledge of rock undermined by the excavations of several families, and buried it. The male came back and watched over the ruined nest and the grave six days and nights, without food or water. Then he sorrowfully withdrew seawards, and after a few days' absence renewed his vigil. Just one case of inconstancy was observed. Then two males fought for six hours with beak and flipper, the female now and again intervening. The intruding male was at last driven off, and reconciliation followed. The joys, tragedies, and toils of penguin life are faithfully reproduced for the benefit of his readers by Mr. Kearton's skilfully-handled camera.

BACON AGAIN.

"Francis Bacon Concealed and Revealed." By Bertram G. Theobald. (Palmer. 7s. 6d.)

Courage is always respectable, and hopefulness is always sympathetic, and nobody can question either the courage of the little band of writers who stick to the time-battered theory of the Baconian authorship of the plays and poems which still continue to be poured out in endless editions under the name of William Shakespeare, or the optimism with which they look forward to the day when the whole world will be convinced of the truth of their theory. One of the bravest, most persevering and most ingenious of the little band is Mr. Bertram Theobald, who, in "Francis Bacon, Concealed and Revealed," produces an abundance of new "proofs" of his pet thesis. The books will be read and admired by those who aforetime studied and accepted his volume on the authorship of the Sonnets. Whether it will add appreciably to the numbers of the indomitable array of Baconians only time can determine.

A HUNTING MAN'S MEMORIES.

"Bran Mash." By Captain F. Victor Hughes-Hallett. (Hutchinson. 21s.)

Reviewed by MAJOR THE HON. J. C. DARLING.

Captain Hughes-Hallett is already well-known as the principal contributor to "Foxhounds of Great Britain and Ireland," edited by the late Sir Humphrey de Trafford. In "Bran Mash" he gives us his experiences in many different directions. His school career is described and suffices to show us how much more fortunate has become the lot of school boys of a later era. Quite early in life he took a great interest in the theatre and gives a very full chapter on his "pet programmes." He himself did a good bit of reciting and once gave a command performance at Osborne before Queen Victoria.

He was in the army for a short time, but the only active service he saw was when he rejoined for the Great War, which he did among the very first. Only a short chapter is devoted to his war experiences, and relates a most remarkable coincidence or romance when he was captured and let go again by a German whom he had known previously as a waiter in London. Those who like "occult" occurrences can also read of the re-appearance after death of the author's father, and the chapter entitled "The Clairvoyante," in which we read how the future was foretold with great accuracy.

A Hunting Tour.

When in his prime Captain Hughes-Hallett was a very good man to hounds, and kept a stud of hunters principally in the Bicester country for his own use and for that of his many friends; in fact, his hunting establishment was run on more generous lines than his income would stand, a fact to which he himself pleads guilty. It was after his consequent financial trouble that he undertook a grand tour of hunting countries when contributing to the book I have already alluded to. He gives us an account of this tour, which to my mind is most interesting reading, as he was in turn the guest of the various M.F.H.s whose establishments he visited, and was in each case mounted by them on one of their best horses. In addition to the "shires" he includes the North of England, also the South West, and some Welsh countries.

Of Melton Mowbray and its inhabitants he tells us the programme used to be—"Ride to hounds six days a week; dine in the company of equally hot-headed bloods six nights a week, and, after a gormandising luncheon on the Sabbath, do the round of one another's stables until it got too dark to see whether a horse had thrown a curb or not." The chapter entitled "Audi alteram partem" should be read by those who consider hunting cruel, for the author relates that after forty-five years' experience with over 100 different packs in pursuit of fox, deer, and hare he can swear that he has never seen any act of deliberately intentional cruelty at a hunt after any quadruped, and he further remarks:—

> Let it be thoroughly understood here and now, that if hunting be ever stopped in this country, the deer, foxes, otters, and hares that we now chase fairly will automatically become vermin, to be indiscriminately slaughtered.

TURNER AND VENICE.

"In Venice with Turner." By A. J. Finberg. (Cotswold Gallery. £4 4s.)

Reviewed by FRANK RUTTER.

Mr. A. J. Finberg has already put us much in his debt by his industrious research into and illuminating comment on the work of Turner. To the formidable array of his erudite volumes already published, he has just added another, perhaps the most delightful and fascinating of a notable series. In this he deals with Turner's oil-paintings, water-colours, and pencil sketches of Venice, and, as usual, he contrives not only to throw new light on his subject, but occasionally to electrify us by a casual remark.

> It is certainly surprising to find that Turner's first paintings of Venice were produced thirteen years after he had seen the city.

It *is* surprising, but most of us had forgotten the strangeness of it till Mr. Finberg reminded us of the facts. Turner made three water-colours of Venetian subjects in 1820-21, then there was a pause till in 1833 he exhibited two Venetian subjects in the Academy of 1833. On the strength of these exhibits some biographers have assumed that Turner visited Venice in 1828 or 1832; but Mr. Finberg declares that

> there is not a scrap of evidence to show that he went there between 1819 and 1833. It is true that he went to Italy for a second time in 1828, but Venice was not included in this tour. We know for certain that he went to Rome through France, Genoa, Spezzia, and Carrara, and that he returned through Macerata, Rimini, Bologna, Milan and across the Mt. Cenis. . . . But when he was at Bologna might he not have gone out of his way to visit Venice? We have the two sketch-books he used between Rome and Rimini (T.B. clxxviii.) and Rimini and Lanslebourg (ccxxv.), and they do not contain a single Venetian sketch. Moreover, the journey was made in mid-winter, and one of the books contains a note saying that there was snow all the way from Bologna to Milan; the pictures exhibited in 1833 certainly do not represent Venice in January; and one of them seems to have been based upon a water-colour made in 1819 (clxxxi., p. 7).

Byron's Influence.

Why, then, did Turner suddenly take up Venice again after having dropped it for so long? Mr. Finberg finds the explanation in the fourth Canto of "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage":—

> Before the publication of Byron's poem, Venice was regarded as one of the second- or third-rate cities of Italy. It contained few, if any, classical antiquities. Byron's discovery of its poetical possibilities raised its status with the patrons of art. Prout went there in 1824, Wilkie and Bonington in 1826. Drawings and paintings of Venice began to appear frequently in the exhibitions of the Old Water Colour Society and Royal Academy. In 1830 Turner was engaged upon a series of drawings to illustrate Byron's works, and in 1832 he exhibited his picture of "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage—Italy," with a quotation in the catalogue from the 4th canto. It is not surprising, therefore, to find him exhibiting a picture of Venice the next year.

This passage is an excellent example of the thoroughness of Mr. Finberg's methods and of that open-mindedness which enables him to do full justice to others despite his admitted hero-worship of Turner. Equally fascinating and illuminating is Mr. Finberg's final chapter describing Turner's last visit to Venice, in 1840, elucidating the change of character in his pencil sketches and colour notes, and analysing the effects of old age in the oils and water-colours he executed after his return. Very beautifully printed at the Alcuin Press, the book is embellished with a wealth of superb reproductions.

TAMBURLAINE.

"Marlowe's Works: 'Tamburlaine the Great.'" Edited by U. M. Ellis-Fermor. (Methuen. 10s. 6d.)

"We cannot but believe," says Miss Ellis-Fermor in a brilliant introduction, "that Marlowe saw in the spirit of Tamburlaine secret springs of desire that were not there, or did not continue, in the historical figure and that could not co-exist with the career of Timur, with which he invested his Tamburlaine. . . . The sense of stir and expectation in the great speeches of the earlier play all promise the discovery and disclosure of some profound truth of man's spirit, of some hitherto hidden source of his aspiration; the capturing of an ideal, shadowy vision, part sense and part intellect, part thought and part emotion; the revealing of some strange, inner significance beneath the outer event, an illumination irradiating the world with a sure intimation of immortality." With this idea in mind the reader will find a new meaning in the change which the character of the conqueror undergoes in the second part of the play. Miss Ellis-Fermor, indeed, throws light on a great many problems in this edition. She discusses the date and the evidence for the authorship of the play; she deals at length with the possible sources and with Marlowe's use of them; and there are valuable appendices dealing with the text and giving Fortescue's version of the story, and a bibliography. The book is finely produced, and the text is based on that of the 1590 octavo.

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Very few new books, except works of reference, now remain to be published this year. But this week will bring us from Noel Douglas a book by V. J. McGill on Strindberg, whom it describes as "the bedevilled Viking." In the beginning of the year a German not unlike Strindberg in some respects will occupy attention in Dr. E. F. Podach's study of "Nietzsche's Breakdown," translated by the scholarly F. A. Voight for Putnam, who will also issue Schwartzkoppen's account of the Dreyfus case. The latter book will clear up several points, for Schwartzkoppen was German Military Attaché in Paris at the time. Both books have a certain bearing on the war.

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The recent celebration of the first Republic of Argentina, added to the forthcoming visit of the Prince of Wales to South America, lends interest to the "History of Argentina," by Mr. F. A. Kirkpatrick, Reader in Spanish in the University, which the Cambridge University Press will issue next month. The volume, which is dedicated to the Prince, has an introduction by Dr. Harold Temperley dealing with the recognition of the Republic by Canning.

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The Victorian era has had many new lights cast on it recently. Another intimate glimpse into it will be provided by a Benn book "The Personal Papers of Lord Rendel," who was such a close friend of Mr. Gladstone in his later years.

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An autobiography of Joaquin Miller, who was born so long ago as 1841, is coming in the spring from Appleton's under the title of "Overland in a Covered Wagon." It tells the story of the development of the Middle West as he saw it from childhood.

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The title of "Success" for the book on Al Capone, which Faber and Faber publish next month, has been forestalled by Feuchtwanger. So it is to be called by the much better title of "Al Capone." It is written by Mr. Fred D. Pasley, and, I am told, makes remarkable reading, not only about the Chicago underworld, but also about the gangster's tastes, which include grand opera.

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Anthologies are so popular that several are on the way. Mr. E. B. Powley has done "A Hundred Years of English Poetry," from Leigh Hunt to Edmund Blunden, to be published by the Cambridge University Press. Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch has edited "Pages of English Prose" for the Oxford University Press, which gives us "Aphorisms," collected by Francis Herbert Bradley, the philosopher of reality. A religious anthology, called "O World Invisible," has been done by Mr. Edward Thompson for Sir Ernest Benn.

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Mr. Ronald Gallop's encyclopædic book on the Basques, which Macmillan has just published, is being followed by a book of another great puzzle, "The Magyars of the Ninth Century," by Mr. C. A. Macartney, which the Cambridge University Press promises.

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Mr. Andrew Dewar Gibb, who has written "Scotland in Eclipse," to be published tomorrow by Humphrey Toulmin at the Cayme Press, is Lecturer on English Law at Edinburgh University, and has twice been a Conservative candidate in Scotland. He examines the whole situation of his country as it stands at this moment, and takes a new line in nationalism.

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As we get nearer the Scott centenary we shall get more and more books on Sir Walter. The new year will start off well in this respect by Mr. Greville Worthington's "Bibliography of the Waverley Novels," in Constable's excellent "Bibliographia" series, which is edited by Mr. Michael Sadleir.

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Books on economics are quite a vogue. Thus Professor Gustav Cassel's standard work on "The Theory of Social Economy," which is approaching its fifth edition in Germany, has been entirely retranslated for the second English edition, which Sir Ernest Benn will issue in one volume. Hitherto it has been available only in two. Sir Ernest, who is, perhaps, more interested personally in economics than any other publisher, will also issue a translation of "The National Gain," by Anders Chydenius, a Swedish parson, who was born 200 years ago. It has recently been discovered that he anticipated "The Wealth of Nations" by twelve years.

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A little book for beginners on "Gliding and Sail Planing" is to be published this week by The Bodley Head. It is a translation of a book by Fritz Stamer and Alexander Lippisch, principals respectively of the Rhön-Rositten Gesellschaft flying and technical schools.

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Lord Hewart's recent book on "the new despotism" showed that the position of the Law is being criticised by judges as well as the public. A further discussion of the problem will be given in a Murray book by Mr. Claud Mullins, entitled "In Quest of Justice," for which Sir Leslie Scott has contributed an introductory letter. A book of a very different type is "Jokes from the Courts," which Mr. A. C. Stevenson has done for Mr. Werner Laurie. J. M. B.

A FAMOUS EXPEDITION.

"The Kangchenjunga Adventure." By F. S. Smythe. (Victor Gollancz. 16s.)

A better cure for a dull day's doldrums can hardly be imagined than Mr. F. S. Smythe's history of the international expedition that set out from Darjeeling last April, under the leadership of Professor Dyhrenfurth, to explore the tangled valleys and highlands of Sikkim and Nepal. Here is a book in the direct tradition of Whymper and Leslie Stephen. What luxury to take a holiday from Isms, to forget all about Politics and Conferences and Unemployment, and sitting for choice in an armchair by the fireside, to climb up high above the hurly-burly to the threshold of those "Five Treasures of the Snow" whose native name is Kangchenjunga!

Mr. Smythe's work in the Himalayas as Special Correspondent and Photographer is already familiar to many readers, and, although the expedition was concerned with topographical and scientific observation not less than with mountaineering, one is not surprised to find that there is nothing of dryasdust in a book which succeeds in making even lists of stores and equipment as interesting as the tale of Crusoe's salvage from the wreck.

From Darjeeling we reach the Base Camp by forced marches (for time is short), that climb from tropic jungle and Buddhist Temple to the bleak margins of the snow-line. Then follow in breathless succession the two unsuccessful attempts on Kangchenjunga itself—foiled by blizzard and ice-avalanche—the conquests of the Ramthang and Jonsong Peaks (the latter, 24,344 feet, the highest summit yet attained), the passage of the Jonsong La, and the return to Bengal after three months in the wilderness. Mixing grave and gay with a deft hand and sternly avoiding the primrose path of overmuch fine writing, Mr. Smythe's story will appeal every whit as much to the plain citizen who prefers to do his climbing on the slopes of Box Hill and the Righi as to the mountaineer *pur sang*, eager to tread in the footsteps of Irvine and Mallory. The forty-eight illustrations are worthy of the author's reputation, and the maps are judiciously duplicated for the reader's convenience.

THE AMERICAN NAVAL ESTIMATES

AN EXAMINATION AND A MORAL.

By ARCHIBALD COLBECK.

As everybody anticipated, the American Budget for the year 1932 makes provision for considerable naval construction. Seven cruisers of the heaviest type, armed with 8-inch guns, and one very large aircraft carrier, are to be laid down before the close of the current fiscal year. When this programme is taken in hand, a few months hence, the state of the American cruiser fleet will be: ten 7,000-ton cruisers of the Omaha class and four older cruisers, actually in service, with fifteen 10,000-ton cruisers under construction.

There is, of course, nothing in this that conflicts in the slightest degree with the London Naval Treaty. By the terms of that treaty, America may possess: 180,000 tons of 10,000-ton cruisers—eighteen units, and 143,000 tons of 6-inch gun cruisers—probably about twenty units.

But just because this building programme is strictly in accordance with America's undertakings under the treaty, and because nobody imagines that any United States Government would ever breach the treaty, it does not, on that account, follow that American naval building is, henceforward, of no further interest to us. This statement needs explanation.

Political relations between two countries are the resultant of influences which are so numerous, so intricate, and so subject to rapid change, that their composition and character are alike impossible to describe or to analyse. Some influences are, however, universally acknowledged to be very strong, so strong indeed that official diplomacy is quite unable to control them. The first and most important of these influences is a general apprehension of military weakness. If the vast collection of official documents published by the British, German and Austrian Governments illustrates anything, it is that no British Government could possibly have allayed the apprehensions of the British nation at the rapid growth of the German Navy, and that no French Government could have controlled the French nation's apprehensions about the immense strength of the Imperial German Army.

NO UNPLEASANT SURPRISES.

To say that the expansion of the American navy is likely to produce the same consequences as the growth of the German Dreadnought fleet would be at once irresponsible and foolish. The British nation knows beforehand how strong the American fleet will be five or ten years from now, for the relevant figures are published in the treaty. Also, this maximum American strength is called parity or equality. The nation is, therefore, well protected against any of those unpleasant military surprises or, what is worse, the anticipation of an unpleasant surprise, which deteriorates political relations between neighbour States. Nevertheless, it must be acknowledged by every thinking man that even the execution of the Naval Treaty by America is likely to be an influence or a political force which will affect the relations between the two nations.

A BAD NAVAL BARGAIN.

First, it must never be forgotten that the treaty must be regarded as a very bad naval bargain compounded in return for a political advantage. The political gain was that the treaty checked acute naval rivalry between the two countries. The naval bargain was a bad one for several reasons. First, numerical equality between the British and American cruiser fleets means that, though their numbers in tonnage and guns are equal, the American forces will always outnumber ours at any particular point on the ocean highways. Secondly, the treaty grants America a greater superiority in heavy cruisers than most persons imagine. It is often supposed that heavy 10,000-ton cruisers armed with 8-inch guns are all of approximately the same fighting strength.

The supposition is very far from accurate, for every defect or weakness revealed in the first of these vessels is remedied in the next, and the 10,000-ton cruisers now being built by all the great naval Powers are influenced by a rivalry in design, which has replaced the older, cruder rivalry of increasing tonnage. The newest vessels of this class as much outmatch the older as a battleship of the King Edward class outmatched its predecessors. Now the treaty grants to America the right to build eighteen 10,000-ton cruisers, each one of which will outmatch the 8-inch gun cruisers allowed to Great Britain, because it will contain a great number of those improvements in design and mechanism which constitute the superiority of the newer over the earlier of these ships.

INEQUALITY ON THE HIGH SEAS.

It is obvious, therefore, that parity, as defined by the treaty, is equality in statistical tables and inequality on the high seas. Even if it is granted that this was thoroughly understood, and accepted as inevitable, it is idle to suppose that our authorities anticipated a rapid and energetic expansion of the American cruiser fleet to the figures allowed by treaty. If American governments show a keen and resolute intention of exercising the rights granted them by treaty, they will thereby show a keen and resolute intention of emphasising American naval superiority on the high seas as soon and as energetically as they can, and it is quite inconceivable that this should be done without political repercussions. Indeed, it is worth while to examine a few of the most probable consequences.

GREAT BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

In Great Britain the inequalities of the treaty have been accepted complacently largely because they were regarded as distant contingencies; but it is too much to suppose that this complacency will be undisturbed if the naval inferiority of Great Britain becomes an accomplished fact. Even though this inequality in naval strength does not excite a national sense of danger, it must at least excite nervousness and a sense of humiliation if American governments show an obvious anxiety to emphasize it. Also, if the American navy is rapidly expanded to the figures and tonnage allowed in the treaty, it will be impossible to disconnect this naval expansion with the avowed American policy of so restricting belligerent rights at sea that American goods shall be sold without let or hindrance to all European powers at war, no matter whether they have violated the Kellogg Pact or not. No British Government will ever agree to the American policy on this question except under duress; the nation cannot, therefore, be expected to remain indifferent to a building programme that might, in the end, give an ugly emphasis to a policy which is already distasteful enough.

TCHAIKOVSKY.

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—Much as I habitually enjoy Mr. Ernest Newman's musical articles in the SUNDAY TIMES, I do not see why his description of Tchaikovsky's music as "fatness of sentiment and a loose, sprawling musical body" should pass unchallenged. No one could deny that Tchaikovsky errs on the side of over-emotionalism, and that had he had more control over himself and kept himself more in reserve he would have been a greater man. But I cannot see that such creations as the scherzo of Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, or the second movement of the "Pathetic," or the finale of the fifth, can be described as either fat, loose, or sprawling. Mr. Newman evidently has an "anti-Tchaikovsky complex," and, although such symphonies as Elgar's, Brahms's, Franck's, and even Bax's have tended to damp one's ardour for those of Tchaikovsky, there must still be many of us who reserve a place in our hearts for our old friend Tchaikovsky, and one would like to see his name still honoured.

Eastbourne. L. N. HIGGINS.

PERJURY IN THE COURTS.

OUR "INHERENT HONESTY."

FROM LORD BUCKMASTER.

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—Carlyle said that England had many millions of people, "mostly fools." To this description, according to correspondence that has recently appeared in the Press, there should be added the qualification—"and mostly liars." Witnesses are said to be untruthful, and perjury rampant in the Law Courts. Some people have even proceeded to suggest remedies, one of which is the substitution of the Scotch for the English oath.

They seem to overlook the fact that the value of an oath depends not a little upon the way in which it is administered. Were people qualified, like the late Dean Liddell, of Christ Church, they could no doubt swear the witnesses in a manner that would compel the truth. Unfortunately, dramatic elocution is not part of the training of the officials in the Law Courts, and, ineffectively administered, I do not think there would be any difference in the value of the words.

For myself, however, I have grave doubts as to the accuracy of the original charge. Witnesses honestly contradict one another. We are all of us imperfectly trained in observation and memory, and no two people regard the same event in the same way. In many cases, too, confusion and nervousness in the witness-box, which lawyers are very apt to overlook, cause statements to be inaccurate, which, on the lips of the witnesses, were never intended to be untrue. The startling lie, like an act of adultery, affords splendid copy for certain papers, and lead many to think that lying and unchastity are common instances of life. My experience is now lengthening into many years, and the number of occasions I can recall where it could be said with confidence that witnesses were deliberate liars are extremely few. I still believe in the inherent honesty of our race. The Divorce Court no doubt produces a shameful spectacle, but a woman who is fighting, not only to preserve her reputation, but what, to her, is far more important, the custody of her children, is a witness speaking under such strain that it is pedantry to expect the same rigid standard of truth as in a Criminal Court, gravely reprehensible though the falsehood may be.

It is, I think, a most unfortunate thing that our nation, that seems everywhere to be misrepresented and decried, should, by the constant repetition of a casual and probably an unconsidered remark, be held up to reprobation as a nation of liars.

BUCKMASTER.

Porchester Terrace, W.

FILM NOTES.

"THE SPOILERS."

By SYDNEY W. CARROLL.

The "talkies" are coming out into the open more and more. This is all to the good. In "The Spoilers," to be seen at the Plaza, we have two interesting examples of open-air speech carried on against a moving background. They were not wholly successful. The movement, to my fancy, interferes with rather than assists the naturalness of the dialogue. Still, we must have experiment.

This is Rex Beach's noted story of the gold rush to Alaska in 1900. Written thirty years ago, it presents a highly coloured and melodramatic diggers' tale of Nome. There is the familiar iron-nerved crook who administers civil law to his own benefit, but ultimately meets his match in a susceptible tough of rough but honest mould. It is one of those "rough guy" narratives which begin with a scrap and end with a scrap, the latter being surely the most savage and determined tussle ever waged between villain and hero on the screen. The pictorial side of the production is effective and well arranged. Atmosphere is good; dialogue poor. Originally produced by Selig in 1913 as a silent picture, it had William Farnum as its chief attraction. To-day the popular and virile Gary Cooper plays the part of Glenister, and William Boyd is grim and conventional as the "heavy." "Skoits" are represented by Kay Johnson and Betty Compson, the latter a much better actress than the former. Harry Green is not quite so funny as he usually is; but James Kirkwood, Slim Summerville and Oscar Apfel do their best to delineate character.

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At the Regal an American background has provided the British International with a theme that makes for many a thrill. "The Man from Chicago" has been adapted from the play by Reginald Simpson. It deals with crooks, night clubs, motor bandits, and crime of other sorts, and gives a quaint amalgamation of English characters and sentiment with transatlantic knavery. Bernard Nedell has made himself liked in this country; and a new note is struck by Albert Whelan, the music-hall favourite, in the role of a detective. Miss Joyce Kennedy acts with distinction and charm in a not too ample part, whilst Miss Dodo Watts as the heroine appeared to have quite a lot to learn. She is, however, very young. Walter Summers directed.

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The next performance of the Film Society will be held at the Tivoli next Sunday. The main picture will be "World Melody," by Walter Ruttman, director of "Berlin." Among the short items will be the "Mechanism of the Brain," a "documentary" film directed by V. I. Pudovkin, the first two sections of a new series of artists at work and an experiment in projecting sound backwards.

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The news that Cedric Hardwicke, one of the finest of English character actors, has been engaged for the part of Dreyfus is the most interesting of the week. "Dreyfus" will be produced by British International, and should prove an intensely interesting "spy" drama. It is to be directed by Milton Rosmer, under the supervision of F. W. Kraemer. A most representative English cast includes Sam Livesey, Fisher White, George Merritt, Henry Caine, Garry Marsh, Charles Carson, Gerald Kay Souper, Leonard Shepherd, Reginald Daner, Leslie Frith, and Allan Jeayes. The dialogue has been written by Captain Berkeley.

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John Gilbert, in an "all-talking" picture, can be seen and heard at the Empire. This is called "Way for a Sailor." It is a comedy drama. Gilbert plays the part of a sailorman lover with a ready eye for a sweetheart. He is well supported by Wallace Beery and Jim Tully. Leila Hyams, always attractive, is the leading lady, and Polly Moran and Doris Lloyd are in the cast. Sam Wood directed.

English-speaking historians have gradually destroyed the patriotic belief that our Saxon ancestors were democrats, and that our Parliament was a unique or even a legislative institution.—Dr. Harold Temperley.

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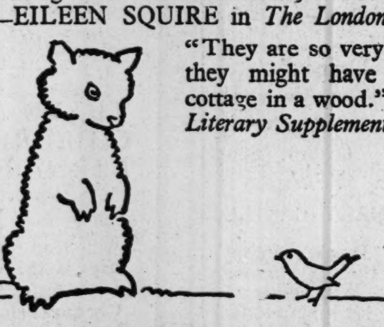

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THE WEEK AT WESTMINSTER.

THE PRIME MINISTER.

RECOVERED SPIRITS.

By "A STUDENT OF POLITICS."

WESTMINSTER, Friday.

The Prime Minister has lost his worried look, and some of his answers this week have been almost jaunty. He has drawn his Trade Disputes Bill in a form in which the Liberals, or a sufficient number of them, will vote for it, and he has acquired from them a new lease of office for what he probably regards as the reasonable premium of an Electoral Reform Bill. We are to see both Bills before Christmas. Thus, from being a Conservative Prime Minister of a Labour Government, he has become a Labour Prime Minister of what, at any rate in legislation, is now a Liberal Government, and he is apparently the happier for the change. He might possibly have preferred to be a Labour Prime Minister of a Conservative Government, but that was impossible, and he has been long enough in politics to know that politics are a choice between second-best courses. At any rate, it is pleasant to see him in improved spirit.

His good humour has spread to the Labour benches. Their occupants, who but recently were given up by all the doctors, are now looking forward to a hearty Christmas, and they are appropriately cheerful and good-tempered in consequence. Except on Russia, a subject which causes some members on both sides of the House to lose all touch with common sense, the Commons is now amiable without dullness, high-spirited without ill-temper.

THE LORDS AND IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

The chief debate of the week, however, has been in the Lords, where Lord Hailsham moved his vote of censure on the Government's conduct of the Imperial Conference. It was a rehearsal of what ought to have taken place in the Commons the week before instead of the failure that we then witnessed. Lord Hailsham is not profound, but he is a great enheartener of his party's spirits, and always effective. He avoided the mistakes made in the Co nmons, and showed his party how that debate might have been better managed. There was little about the abstract merits of Free Trade and Protection, and he was content to assume that all who do not see eye to eye with him on Imperial Preference are irreclaimably bad men. But there was much about the failure of the Government to have ideas of its own and its singularly unfortunate way of handling issues that ought, at any rate, to have been taken seriously.

Lord Hailsham, it is true, overstated his case. No one believes that the Empire is likely to fall to pieces because this opportunity was missed, and though it was inevitable that he should be full of indignation about words like humbug and bunkum, one takes leave to doubt from one's readings in Canadian politics whether Mr. Bennett is really so offended as Lord Hailsham seemed to think. But with all these faults the speech was undeniably a success.

More notable because more unexpected was the speech of Lord Buckmaster. This eloquent Liberal and Free Trader astonished the House by declaring that he could see no question of principle in this Preference issue. To him it is purely a question of good business; he would not mind even a tax on foodstuffs if we got sufficient compensation in the Canadian market for our manufactures. Many thousands of Liberals think that, too, but Lord Buckmaster is almost the first to say it. Lord Sankey talked generalities, and Lord Passfield, both in his debate and in the little debate on Palestine, was better than usual. But his case is too far gone for us to expect any real reform.

DYESTUFFS ACT.

The Conservatives did quite well in the argument of their motion on the Government's decision to drop the making of dyes from the protection given ten years ago to what was then regarded as a key industry necessary for national welfare. But their performance in the division lobbies ought certainly to have been bettered, for with Liberal and Labour malcontents one expected a much narrower majority for the Government than thirty. Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, who seemed to have succumbed politically to the boredom of the late Conservative Government, has made a wonderful recovery, and now he is a vivacious and artful speaker. He put his case with both knowledge and skill, and it was interesting to hear Sir John Simon, a Liberal who understood and to some extent agreed with it. In the spirit of their speeches there was a certain affinity between this speech and that of Lord Buckmaster in the Lords. He could not see that the abstract merits of Free Trade and Protection had any bearing on this subject. If only there were more Conservatives who would be as openminded about Protection as some Liberals are about Free Trade, there might even be some chance of a basis of agreed policy, restricted, no doubt, but still not lacking in solidity.

UNEMPLOYMENT FUND.

Sir John Simon was also heard to advantage on unemployment insurance earlier in the week. It is refreshing to hear Liberals in these days who are not ashamed of being individualists—in the proper and not the abusive sense of that word. He dealt very effectively with the 300,000 people (the figure is that of the Ministry of Labour Gazette) who are drawing benefits although they have no intention of returning to industry. Sir H. Betterton also pleased by his lucidity, and was particularly good on the Cardiff syndicate of workmen who by pooling employment manage to make an average of £4 a week for 3½ days, besides unemployment benefit for the other three days.

Miss Bondfield is herself obviously alarmed at some of the abuses and at the increased indebtedness of the Unemployment Fund. As Sir John Simon well said, it is ridiculous to speak of these quarterly grants of fresh credit as loans, for there is not the slightest chance of their being paid back in this House.

NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY.

Friday's private member's Bill was last week of more than ordinary interest, for it extended the right of newspaper publicity (subject to certain safeguards) to all the important committees of local government. This publicity should be valuable, notably on the Public Assistance committees which have taken the place of the old Boards of Guardians, whose proceedings were usually well reported, and there was notably good support from Mr. John Buchan and Lord Astor. On the other hand, the Opposition was very persistent, and had the assistance of such experienced administrators as Miss Susan Lawrence and Sir Kingsley Wood, and the comfortable majority by which the Bill was given a second reading came as a surprise to most of those who had sat through the debate. Despite the interest of this Bill, one remains of the opinion that Friday ought not to be given up to new legislation, but would be much better employed in interrogations and interpellations on administration and on current affairs with which a House of Commons busy over the ordinary party grind is apt to get out of touch.

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The tide of humanity which ebbs and flows daily through our courts may not possess the attributes of a trout stream, but it is not a sewer.—Lord Justice Eve.

IRISH FREE STATE.

NINE YEARS OF HOME RULE.

A RETROSPECT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DUBLIN, Saturday.

To-day is the ninth anniversary of the Treaty and a fit occasion to try to see in true perspective how we stand and what has been accomplished during these anxious years.

Anybody who has lived through this period will readily remember the successive waves of pessimism. At one time the rebels were said to be so firmly established, physically and morally, in the country that we were doomed to years of disorder. It would be impossible, many said, for a home government to take extreme measures against their recent comrades in arms. Yet the impossible was done, and in one case an intimate friend of a Minister, who only a few months before figured prominently in the latter's wedding group, was executed. This act required a high sense of personal courage and public duty, and marked a turning point along the road to law and order. Since then outbreaks have been diminishing both in scope and frequency. It is rash to boast in such matters, but there is good reason to believe that recent outbursts are but acts of advertisement on the part of a small implacable group, and that present order is assured less by protective measures and more by an inward sense of public duty.

OVER THE FINANCIAL FENCE.

When civil authority became established, finance was the next insuperable obstacle. A period of diminishing returns and inability to borrow were freely predicted as the rocks on which the State would founder. Our flesh was made to creep at the prospect of foreign financiers carrying the country at high rates and holding the Customs in pledge as security, after the manner of some bankrupt South American State. All this is now forgotten, and, indeed, it is in this respect that the recovery has been the more remarkable. We have carried through a revolution, paid and repaired the damage of our civil war, spent some ten million on fresh developments, and our debt to-day only amounts to about one year's income. At the moment our 5 per cent. National Loan stands at 104, our 4½ per cent. Loan at 97¾, and, what is even more reassuring, we are at last able to raise money readily at home on Government issues.

This result has been accompanied, and possibly assisted, by remission in taxation. Income-tax has been reduced from 6s. to 3s., the duty on tea has been removed altogether, and during these years the total remission in taxation amounts to some fifteen million pounds. Not the least achievement has been to keep unemployment insurance on a proper insurance basis, and even reduce the contributions to the fund.

It must not be imagined that this has been an easy task. Many unpopular economies have been necessary. Old Age Pensions and school teachers' salaries have been reduced, and at the present moment the Minister of Finance is taking a firm stand against an agitation to stay the automatic adjustment of Civil Service salaries in accordance with the cost of living index

WISE ADMINISTRATION.

In arriving at our present position, the minimum violence has been done to the Constitution, or to the free operation of popular government, or to the established process of law. On occasions it has been necessary to take special powers to supersede local bodies which had got into difficulties, and administer by commissioners under direct control of the central Government. But this practice has only been temporary, and in most cases popular control is now re-established. In the case of Dublin, the change is not generally welcomed by the ratepayers, and the new Corporation which is now in action promises to be little different to its predecessors. It is largely because the Government kept a level keel and resisted the strong temptation to assume undue summary or dictatorial powers that Mr. de Valera and his followers abandoned their policy of abstention, took their seats, and accepted—even with mental reservation—the obligations of the Constitution.

A YOUNG MEN'S GOVERNMENT.

It may be asked how it has been possible at a time of world unrest and economic depression to make such gratifying and rapid progress. The explanation lies partly in the circumstances of the time, and partly in the nature of the Opposition. The Government is composed of young men cast up by revolution. The dangerous and seemingly impossible task could only be accomplished by resolute action. Things in the early years were too critical to admit of compromise and electoral tactics, which seem to become the practice of most old and comfortably established governments. They had to make decisions regardless of consequences, and times were too dangerous to ponder on political reactions. They thus acquired in early years an indifference to popularity and a directness of action which have overcome difficulties that might well have dismayed the more orthodox politician.

Then again, the Opposition has offered at first a clear field, and later a very futile resistance. While they were outside Parliament, legislation could proceed with little risk of interruption. Since they have been constitutional and vocal they have made poor use of their opportunities. They have presented no valid alternative programme and little constructive criticism. Their main efforts have been towards Treaty reform, with a view to ultimate separation, and to fantastic schemes of internal development by means of economic isolation.

A LOOK AHEAD.

Fortune has certainly been kind, and the Government has had a large measure of good luck during its nine years of office, but this should not belittle a very real achievement. The pessimists now point to the next election with gloomy portent. It is probably the most anxious time the country has had to face since civil war ceased and order was restored. Yet there is every reason to hope that even if the Government does change, as it must do some day, our new rulers will be saved from reckless conduct by the traditions established by their predecessors, coupled with a sense of their own responsibility.

OUR RUINED ABBEYS.

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—With regard to the excavations at Rievaulx Abbey.

I have been given to understand that at both Bylands Abbey and Rievaulx the soil will be replaced to save eventual destruction by the ravages of the climate.

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A Roman villa, four miles south of Malton, was laid bare this summer by a local, public-spirited doctor, who did work on the above with assistance from the Yorks Archæological Society, but I was informed that when it had been measured and surveyed, etc., it would be covered over again and would probably be a wheatfield next year. Most of this villa was only four inches under the surface, and it seems a thousand pities that there should be such apathy shown by the British public, when thousands of pounds are spent abroad on excavations.

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OUR PARIS LETTER

MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

EXIT M. TARDIEU.

THE LEFT AND M. BRIAND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

The Left at last have got their way, and using the Senate for their instrument, have overthrown the Tardieu Government by 8 votes. So now we are once more in the midst of a political crisis of which at the moment it is not easy to see the outcome. Anybody merely reading the speeches in Thursday's debate might be excused for finding it difficult to understand exactly why M. Tardieu fell. The old stalking horse of clericalism was brought into action, but no one except a Radical Socialist can really seriously accuse the Tardieu Government of being "clerical." There was a nasty sting in the accusation brought against M. Tardieu, namely, that he had come into power with a programme of prosperity but as a matter of fact there was to-day a worse economic crisis than had been seen since 1907. Even M. Tardieu, while arguing that France's economic situation was vastly better than that of many other countries, had had to admit that all was not well with certain branches of activity. But the one really telling argument adduced was the anomalous situation with regard to M. Briand who, because he belonged to the Tardieu Government, had to be supported by the Moderates who were really his opponents, and combated by the Left who were his friends.

It is the fact that M. Briand has had to conduct France's foreign policy in a Government led by M. Tardieu which has been one of the real causes of the Left's hostility. In spite of the latter's repeated assurances that they stand united on this question, the Left rightly or wrongly believed that M. Briand has not been free to carry out his policy of pacification of Europe. For by the Radicals M. Tardieu is regarded as strongly tinged with Nationalism. The other reason why the Government's fall has been so energetically pursued is that the General Election is due in about eighteen months, and the Left, who for years until M. Tardieu came into power had in their hands the Ministry of the Interior which controls the Prefects, have been determined to try to regain it in good time to make their electoral preparations. In the Oustric affair the opposition thought that they had found the bomb which would blow the Cabinet to pieces. Their direct attacks on this head collapsed in the Chamber. But the resignations from the Government in consequence of the Oustric crash weakened M. Tardieu's situation sufficiently to allow the Senate, which had never been favourable to the late Prime Minister, to succeed where the Chamber had failed.

GREAT DAY AT THE LUXEMBOURG.

Critical debates which endanger the life of a Government are rare at the Luxembourg. For the Senate is not in the habit of overthrowing Prime Ministers. The last time it did so was five and a-half years ago, when M. Herriot was defeated there. But for a couple of days previously it had been known that on Thursday there was every chance of the Senators reversing their usual habits and of turning the Government out. So it was a "great day" at the Luxembourg. Long before three o'clock, the time for the opening of the sitting, crowds began to assemble round the gateway on the chance of catching sight of prominent personalities.

One had to throw one's mind back to the exciting days of the Caillaux trial, when the Senate was sitting as the High Court of Justice, to find a parallel for the public interest that was taken in Thursday's debate and for the crush in galleries and corridors. But the Senate itself is a very sedate body. Comfortable armchairs help their mostly elderly occupants to preserve a calm dignity that contrasts vividly with the state of nervous tension in the Chamber on a critical day. There is no banging of desks; no heated interruptions. Everything remains in keeping with the rather sumptuous gilding and the thick red carpets. So although everybody was fully aware of the critical character of the discussion it was in a dignified atmosphere that the Tardieu Government went to its grave.

POPULARISING FLYING.

Coinciding with the Aero Show an attempt is being made to popularise private flying in France. It appears that as compared with Englishmen or Germans, Frenchmen are far behind in this sport, and it is suspected that expense may have something to do with it. So the Air Ministry is proposing to come to the assistance of people who are only prevented by finance from taking up flying, and to do so on a very handsome scale. By a system of premiums—what the conditions attached are is not yet stated—it is said that it will be possible for a private person to buy a two-seater 100 h.p. aeroplane for about £240, while after he has flown during 100 hours the owner of it is to be helped up to 30 per cent. with the cost of upkeep. At present an aviator's licence in France costs £160. But this is to be reduced to £56 and ultimately to half that sum.

Despite this effort to popularise flying, there are comparatively few small machines to be seen at the Aero Show, which is now going on at the Grand Palais. British experts tell us that this show proves how much farther advanced in aeroplane design English constructors are than French. The show is likewise said not to be technically interesting, since it contains little that is new. For the layman, however, the case is different All that he usually sees of an aeroplane is its silhouette against the sky. But in the Grand Palais he has the chance of realising by comparison with ordinary things the enormous size of the modern commercial machine and of seeing for himself at close quarters what, for instance, those destined for the service across the Southern Atlantic will be like.

THE CHARM OF PARIS.

If you ask a Cosmopolitan why he prefers life in Paris to that in other capitals one of his reasons is almost certain to be that in the former no one bothers about what his neighbour does, and that people can do as they please. How far this is true of the small Parisian bourgeois, surrounded by his own and his wife's family, is, however, another question. But there is a different aspect of the freedom of Paris—the freedom in the expression, literary and pictorial, of ideas—which some people are inclined to describe as licence rather than liberty. This was the view taken the other day by a Municipal Councillor, who asked the Prefect of Police what he proposed to do to check the growth and display of licentious publications and posters in the streets of the capital. M. Chiappe, in reply, explained the activities of the police in this direction, pointing out, however, the existence of certain legal difficulties in dealing with the question.

The most interesting part of M. Chiappe's speech was the passage in which he described what he thought Paris ought to be like as a city. There ought, the Prefect of Police considers, to be neither austerity nor licence, but straightforward, healthy liberty for all who are worthy of it. Thus there will be "at least one city in the world" he hopes, in which the healthy man, after his daily labour, can appreciate the *joie de vivre,* and where, without other restrictions than those imposed by health and the respect of public order, he can do as he likes. This *joie de vivre,* M. Chiappe pointed out, was the traditional present offered by Paris to all who came within her walls, and so far as he was concerned, he hoped it would always remain so, as it was the best and most natural counterpart to the intellectual and artistic splendours of the capital.

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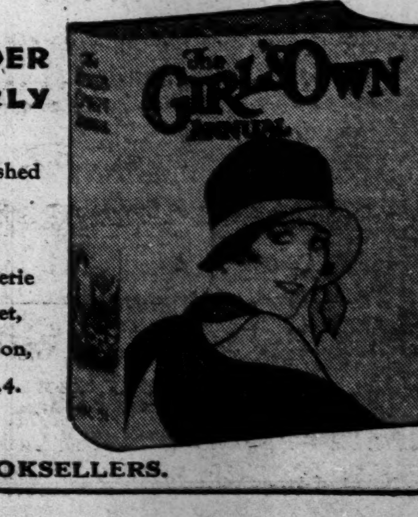

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A WANDERER'S NOTEBOOK.

AN OLD HAUNT.

By E. V. LUCAS.

In a changeable and untrustworthy world it was good, the other day, to find the Brighton Aquarium very nearly the same as it was forty years ago. I had heard of new structure, new management, new approaches, new splendours; but save that the trivial little clock-tower has gone and that fiddlers now scrape their strings immediately above the site of the alligators' pool, everything is recognisable. I missed a little tank on a stand in the middle of the entrance hall where one always used to pause to admire the sea-horses (hippocampus guttulatus) among their twigs; but once inside I was quickly compensated by finding a section of one of the ordinary tanks given up to a whole stud of these pretty equine eccentricities, so like a horse in the head, but mercifully denied those four legs which can lead to disaster on the turf. As for the tanks, they do not seem to have been touched. The first on the left belongs to the anemones, exactly as it did when I saw it first in the eighteen-seventies: still a garden of sea blossoms without, apparently, a loss or a gain. There is still, on the right, at the first corner, the treble or quadruple tank where the herrings used to swim or float or fly—or whatever marvellous movement they make—with the light gleaming through their exquisite forms and their sides flashing silver as they turned; and behold, the other day, there they were, as of old, just as lovely and incredible, although, I fancied, fewer in number. I seem to remember them thousands strong.

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The water in the tanks was not so clear as I like to think it used to be, with the result that I never had so much as a glimpse of the octopus—"the fearsome octopus," as the posters at the entrance call him—who, if he was there at all, concealed his fearsomeness in the murky tide; nor could one see anything in the tank which professed to contain such strange sea-fellows as the Monkfish, the Blue Lobster, the Hermit Crab, the Shrimp and the Nursehound. I was sorry about this, because the Nursehound was new to me. I have visited aquariums all over the world, but never have I heard of a Nursehound. A bewildering name for a denizen of the deep. How can a fish be a hound? Not that nurses would be utterly negligible down there, for according to the official guide-book (which, by the way, promises us a mermaid, for whom I searched in vain), the maternal cod is capable of having 9,000,000 children at once. Still, Nursehound? Very strange. A friendly attendant arriving in the midst of these doubts, I was led to another tank where the water was clear and where Nursehounds were plentiful. And here I learned that the Nursehound is also known as the Rock Shark and is similar to the Spotted Dog-fish, but larger. It is also, the attendant assured me—and this is all in a fish's favour—famous for having no bones. Those who are weary of the ordinary sister's uniform will be pleased to hear that it has a velvety coat of fawn tinged with red, and spotted with rich brown.

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Perhaps the most amusing tank was that in which you can watch the Spider-crabs guarding their lunch against all-comers. Having secured a large piece of food, they place it against the rock and crouch possessingly over it, while very deliberately they convey between the two fingers of their claws tiny fragments of it to their mouths. In this attitude of suspicious and aggressive ownership or conservation, they form, even when untroubled, the best symbol of the miser I have ever seen; but when their supplies are threatened by the invading claws of a neighbour, and they fend him off, they are avarice and self-protectiveness personified. The odd thing is that their eyes, although distinctly in evidence, appear to be of no service to them. Their claws grope about without any direction but that of feeling, while when engaged with each other in their strange aimless wrestling matches they seem also to be without sight; and there is a curious hiatus between the will and the action: they cannot strike, they can only fumble. When, however, it comes to keeping their own, they are masters.

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I was particularly interested by the sight of these Spider-crabs at home, because last August I ate one and found it delicious. I had always been told that if ever I was on the coast of Brittany I must try an "araignée," but not till I visited the fish-market at Pornic and saw a whole tray of them in slow motion did I remember the advice. You can get them now and then at Prunier's in Paris, I believe; but being careful, inconsiderate creatures, they make it difficult, by frequenting the depths of the Channel, to be caught at all and impossible in rough weather; and therefore a supply cannot be counted upon. But I am not surprised that gourmets find their way to the Breton coast. Pornic had appealed to me as the scene of Browning's poem "Gold Hair" ("Oh, the beautiful girl, too white"), but, in future, I shall think of it as the place where I ate the spider. The flavour is rather like that of the lobster, rather like that of the crab, but more delicate than either, while you can never quite finish it. There is always, as with the bloater and the kipper, the little bit more.

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After the last tank, change sets in and I knew my way no longer. Forty years ago there was, as I have said, an alligator pool, and there was a turtle also in a pool; and there were grottoes, and the stage was at the side of the hall and not at the end. And at Christmas there was a pantomime—how excellent *Chingamaree* was, written by Mr. Wilkinson, manager of the West Pier, with music by a local composer! The leading comedians were named South and Everard, as I have good reason to remember, because South was the first actor whom I ever had the glory of speaking with, and was thus set upon the Road to Ruin.

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There were concerts too, and real plays—and at odd times conjurors, and now and then a hall was arranged for a billiard match. It was there that I met my first champions—Peall and Mitchell—and fell beneath the spell of the game. But even more memorable was the strange odour, partly central heating and partly, I suspect, alligators, which overwhelmed one at the doors and pervaded the place. It has completely gone. Well, one cannot have everything: it is a wonderful concession to have the tanks. There are, for instance, at another Brighton place of amusement, the Hippodrome, no horses, not even the hippocampus guttulatus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Enter December.

Sir,—I believe the old practice of ushering in December still obtains at Colchester. Shortly after midnight on November 30 the watchman or town crier goes round calling out:—

Chill December hath set in.
The poor man's clothes are very thin.
The trees are bare—the birds are mute.
A pot and toast would very well suit.

Ipswich. PHIL. W. THOMPSON.

German War Memorials.

Sir,—On the slope of a hill, in a commanding position, facing Lake Constance and the town of that name, stands a very fine massive memorial to the German dead. It is visible from Kreutzlingen, in Switzerland, and from Lake Constance, for many miles. G. R. RADMORE.
British Empire Club, S.W.

The "Talkie Teacher."

Sir,—With reference to the article in your interesting paper last Sunday on the "Talkie Teacher," it is to be hoped that, if introduced, it will be English in every sense of the word, both in articulation and intonation. It is grating enough to hear at the cinemas the sort of hundred per cent. Chicago lingo which always sounds as if it wanted oiling.
Boxmoor. J. H. SIMPKIN.

A Tactful Bishop.

Sir,—Re Mr. S. G. Owen's letter in your last issue, I have heard of a certain Bishop of Stepney who, when asked how he squared his conscience and also, at the same time, placated the parents of abnormally ugly offspring when handed him to christen, always exclaimed: "Ah! *this* is *indeed* a baby."
Cheam. ERNEST MORGAN.

"Foolscap."

Sir,—In the parish church at Dartford, Kent, I saw some years ago the tomb of one John Spielman, an alien who, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, obtained permission to start a paper mill on the River Darenth. On the side of the tomb appears his armorial shield charged with "three fool's caps." It occurred to me at the time that he possibly used one of those charges as a water-mark for his paper, hence "foolscap."
Woking. HENRY F. TARBUTT.

Lord Darling.

Sir,—In the reference by "Autolycus" (whom I always find interesting) to Lord Darling, I think he must have been thinking of a celebrated bye-election at Deptford, which took place in 1887 or thereabouts, in which Sir Wilfred Blunt and the Hon. E. C. Evelyn took part, and at which Mr. Gladstone did certainly look on in favour of the former. In 1897 Mr. Gladstone was on the verge of his last illness and had retired from the House, partially and practically, in March, 1894, and finally in June, 1895.
Eastbourne. JOHN WATT.

Goetz's Symphony in F.

Sir,—Since the turn of the century I have heard the following London performances of this beautiful but neglected work: March 6, 1901—Stock Exchange Orchestra; January 17, 1902—Sir Henry J. Wood and the Queen's Hall Orchestra; March 19, 1902—Guildhall School of Music; October 22, 1902—Sir Henry J. Wood and the Queen's Hall Orchestra; June 18, 1906—New Symphony Orchestra, conducted by the late Edward Mason; and (this, I fancy, is the last London performance) April 28, 1918—South Place Orchestral Society, conducted by R. H. Walthew.
Hilldrop Crescent, N. FELIX WHITE.

The First Newspaper.

Sir,—I have several copies (mostly mutilated) of the "Postboy" for the years 1717-21. This single-sheet newspaper was published in London and printed for John Morphey near Stationers' Hall.

The title-heading is graced by a couple of woodcuts. The copy of July 11, 1717, is No. 4362, and that of November 1, 1718, is No. 4567. These figures accord with the dating of the sheets (Saturday to Tuesday, etc.), and show that it was published three times per week. Thus, a rough calculation will throw back the date of the first copy at least to the year of the English Revolution, 1688, or even earlier if the paper began as a weekly.
Leeds. E. J. TURNER.

War-time Songs.

Sir,—I have been reading Mr. Ernest Raymond's delightful war story, "The Jesting Army." He describes the journey of a convoy of troops in August, 1915, on their way to the Dardanelles, and among the songs and choruses they are singing is "If you were the only girl in the world."

Also in January, 1916, on their return from Gallipoli after the evacuation, that well-known song "Good-bye-ee, don't sigh-ee" is included in their repertoire.

Could any of your readers inform me if these two songs were sung so early in the war? If my memory serves me correctly, the former, at any rate, did not reach France until 1916, and the latter some time during the summer of 1917.
HERBERT DUNN
Salford. (late Lancs Fusiliers).

The Chinese Dollar.

Sir,—In your last issue I read an item of news under the heading "Drugs End in Smoke," relating to the burning of drugs seized at Shanghai, in which it is mentioned that a Chinese dollar is worth about 2s. 8d.

May I point out that the Shanghai, or Mex., dollar is normally worth about 2s., but, owing to the depreciated value of silver, at present it is quoted at only 1s. 1½d. or thereabouts.

Possibly your correspondent had in view the Chinese tael, but this at present is quoted at only about 1s. 6½d.
Sutton, Surrey. YANGTZE MARTYR.

French and "Braid Scots."

Sir,—This subject is of everlasting interest to all good Scots. Most of us, I fancy, amass collections of our own, in which must, of course, figure all such ordinary examples as "dour," "douce," "fash," "leet," "bursie," "tassie," etc.; but two less common and rather nice ones are "bejant"—the freshman of St. Andrews University—from "bec jaune" ("yellow beak" or nestling) and "espouentabill (épouvantable). The spelling of the last is phonetic, but is authorised by "A Guid Scotch Dictionary," by Cleishbotham the younger.
London, S.W. J. LINDSAY STEEVENS.

The Late Sir Starr Jameson.

Sir,—I am, with thousands of others, an appreciative reader of the weekly articles by "Atticus" in the SUNDAY TIMES, but may I point out an error he made last Sunday? He describes the late Right. Hon. Sir Starr Jameson Bart., as an "Irish" doctor. Leander Starr Jameson was Scottish on both sides of his family. The Jamesons are of Shetland sea-faring stock. Their crest is a ship in full sail, with the motto "Sine metu." Dr. Jameson was born in Edinburgh, and lived in Stranraer until he was 7. He was given the freedom of the latter place, also that of Edinburgh and London, after he became Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa—a post he held without portfolio.

His father was Robert Jameson, a Writer to the Signet in Edinburgh, and his mother Christian Pringle, whose mother's sister married a Haig of Bemersyde. The Pringles had owned Symington for 500 years, and are related to the Pringles of Haining, Terquahan, and Tersant—Scotsmen all!

May I add for the benefit of the "new generation" of whom "Atticus" speaks that the particular blame laid on Jameson by "Atticus" and Colonel Hole can only be justified by surmise. Rhodes and Jameson, both dead men, kept their counsel, and were the only ones who knew the truth. My authority for writing is that I was married to John, son of Julius Jameson, elder brother of the doctor, from Groote Schuur in 1904, and we spent a good deal of time there during the doctor's Premiership.
DOROTHY H. JAMESON.
Manaton, S. Devon.

The Round Table Conference.

From LORD SYDENHAM OF COMBE.

Sir,—I am glad that Sir R. Mitchell Banks has emphasised some of the dangers threatened by the Round Table Conference, which is drifting like a rudderless ship in wreck-strewn waters. The original idea of this great symposium was to ascertain whether agreement could be reached between the Princes and political delegates from British India as to future relationship. Left to itself, or directed if at all by a Soviet of its own composing, it appears to be taking on tasks which were never contemplated.

As Sir R. Mitchell Banks points out, the original "purpose" was certainly "not to draft a detailed constitution." But this hopeless process—requiring a year at the very least—is apparently engaging nearly ninety persons, exclusive of advisers, as a result of the fatal illusion, following a flood of rhetoric, that India can now be federated. The Simon Commission and the Government of India made no such error, and it should be obvious that to force upon India *any* Federal system of which the world has experience would split that unhappy land to pieces and lead to civil war.

It is, of course, possible to draw up a paper constitution of the type in which Abbé Sieyès revelled; but autocracy and democracy cannot be federally yoked, and the Princes, if caught in the toils of some academic plan, would be presented with the alternative of fighting for their independence or being submerged, which would quickly be the fate of all the small Native States.

A strong central government is the first condition of the success of any Federation, and such a government is impossible in the India so accurately described in Vol. I. of the Classic Report. The proposals in Vol. II. for the governance of the Provinces entail certain grave risks to their stability, accepted by the Commission not without misgivings, and unless whatever may be decided in their case is proved to be safe and advantageous to the masses, it would be stark madness further to weaken the central government. The "responsible government" which Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and others demand would place the fate of 320,000,000 of people, or 316,000,000 excluding Burma, at the mercy of Indian factions, which would intrigue against each for control more successfully than they do against us, and would quickly reduce India to a state worse than that of China.

Responsible government in this sense, unknown in the United States, is leading this old country towards disaster and threatening to force Germany to a dictatorship. We dare not submit India to far greater risks arising from her deep internal rifts and her mass illiteracy.
Onslow Square, S.W. SYDENHAM.

Greek into Latin.

Sir,—I venture respectfully to demur to Mr. Drake-Brockman's criticism, last Sunday, of the use of the Latin reflexives "se" and "suus" in a Latin version of a Greek epitaph. These columns are not the place for any discussion of such rights and wrongs in grammar; so I will ask your correspondent to look up the statements in Gildersleeve and Lodge, sections 309, 520-1, and in Sloman, sections 465-7. The Romans, I fancy, found themselves rather bothered at times by some inevitable ambiguities.

When the "Unknown Warrior," about ten years ago, was buried in the Abbey, I tried my hand at a variety of epitaphs in Greek, one of which (a couplet) the "Classical Review" was good enough to print. I wonder if you care to do the same for the subjoined longer one, with a suggestion that someone should give us a Latin rendering? I hope it will be clear that the soldier is supposed to be saying that after six years his body had been exhumed and buried again in his own country, honoured with a resting-place in a temple—such honour as thousands of others had equally earned.

Τέσσαρ' ἔτη φθίμενόν με κάτω χθονὸς ὑπνώοντα
νήγρετον ἐς δηίους οὐκέτ' ἐπῶρσεν Ἄρης·
ἐξέτεες δ' ἐσδόντα μ' ὑπὲκ γαίης ἀνελόντες
αὖθις ἐν οἰκείῃ δεύτερον ἐκτέρισαν,
νῦν δὲ κατευ ἀσθεὶς ἔλαχον νέκυς οὐκ ἀγέραστος
νηῷ ἐν ὕψορ φῳ μνῆμ' ἐπισημότατον.
εἰ δ' ἐμὲ μυριαδῶν πόλις ἔξελεν, οὐ νεμεσητόν·
πάντες ἴσης τιμῆς κείμεθ' ἐπαυρόμενοι.

Cheltenham. T. C. WEATHERHEAD.

Sir,—The interest you display in classical studies, and especially in the art of verse composition, tempts me to reply to the points raised by Mr. Drake-Brockman. I do not understand his statement that "J. D.'s" use of "sua" and "sibi" is wrong because the implied subject of the clause in which they were placed is "hi." Surely the meaning "J. D." intended to convey was "Hi, dum patriam servant, vitam suam perdiderunt"; and it is therefore precisely to the implied "hi" that the words Mr. Drake-Brockman challenges refer. The sentence appears, indeed, a fairly typical example of "reference to a logical rather than a grammatical subject."

May I, in my turn, point out that unless there are at least two misprints in his own version, Mr. Drake-Brockman has given us a hexameter that is half a foot short and cannot be translated? Finally, I submit yet another attempt to translate the Greek epigram into Latin:—

Hoc illos bello fortissima corda, sepulchrum
Non tegit; externis sedibus ossa iacent.
Tuiati validâ patriam virtute, tuenda
Munera vivendi vix habuere sibi.

Liverpool. ETHEL MARY STEUART.

Gaelic or Erse.

From SIR WOLSELEY HAIG.

Sir,—Mr. Erskine of Marr is correct in asserting that no Scottish Gael, educated or uneducated, now describes Highland Gaelic as "Erse," but the origin of this odd expression is not "wropt in mystery"; it is merely a corruption of "Irish," and though it is not now commonly used by Gaels it has been used by them, as well as by other Scotsmen, to describe the Highlanders and their language.

If Mr. Erskine of Marr will turn to "The Flyting of Dunbar and Kennedy" he will find Dunbar addressing Kennedy as "Irsche brybour baird" ("Highland beggarly bard"), and "Erche Katherane" ("Highland cateran"), while Kennedy, the Gael, in his reply, does not repudiate the term "Irsche," "Ersch," or "Irish," but retorts:—

Thow luffs nane Irische, elf, I understand,
Bot it suld be all trew Scottis mennis lede;
It was the gud langage of this land
And Scota it causit to multiply and sprede;
Quhil Corspatrik, that we of tressoun reid,
Thy forefader, maid Irische and Irische men thin.
Throw his tressoun broght Inglise rumplis in,
So wald thyself, mycht thou to him succede.

That is:—

Thou lovest not Gaelic, puny creature, I understand;
But it should be all true Scotsmen's language.
It was the good language of this land,
And Scotland caused it to multiply and spread;
While Cospatrick (Earl of Dunbar), whom we accuse of treason,
Thy forefather, made Gaelic and Highlanders scarce.
(And) through his treason, brought in English tails,
As thou wouldst, might thou succeed to him.

WOLSELEY HAIG.
New Club, Edinburgh.

The Mackerel and the Bear.

Sir,—The lines required by "E. L. A." are by Canning, and occur in "The Progress of Man," a burlesque poem included in "The Poetry of the Anti-Jacobin," of which the second edition was published in 1800:—

The feather'd race with pinions skim the air—
Not so the mackerel, and still less the bear:
This roams the wood carniv'rous, for his prey!
That with soft roe, pursues his watery way:

"The Progress of Man" is a parody of such didactic poems as Knight's "Progress of Civil Society." "The Stuffed Owl" contains verses by Lord John Hervey that remind me of some of those in "The Progress of Man":—

Will the wise elephant desert the wood,
To imitate the whale and range the flood?
Or will the mole her native earth forsake,
In wanton madness to explore the lake?

STEPHEN MIALL.
Haverstock Hill, N.W.

[E. K. Baxter (Streatham Hill), H. W. Greene (Lamarsh), G. M. Law (Cheshunt), and Lilian F. Snow (Margate), also reply to this query.]

War in the Air.

From ADMIRAL MARK KERR,

Sir,—The letter in your last issue signed "Parallax," I presume, is a joke, but some people may accept it as a sane contribution, while others may believe that the writer has escaped from an asylum; so perhaps you will permit me to make a few short remarks.

The Air Ministry provides the first line of offence and defence, for undoubtedly in a future war the first attack will be made by the air, and warnings will not be given. If the Air Ministry provided twenty fighting 'planes only at a time, "Parallax's" home, as well as the Air Ministry and a great part of S.W. London, would be *abolished*.

The Italian helicopter is not yet flying, and when it does it will not be fit to fight one of the modern fighting aeroplanes, which would out-climb, out-manœuvre, and out-speed it.

As some other nations are increasing their air forces and we have been reducing ours, it is necessary for the nation's insurance for safety that the Air Ministry should not be taken unawares.

"Parallax" states "that offensive aviation such as bombing produces negligible military and no naval effect," etc. I presume he was born after the late war, and never realised the following facts:—

(a) The small air raids over London and the South-east of England reduced our output 50 per cent., and if they had continued and been supplemented by a huge force of bombers being built in Germany, our Army in France would have been starved in munitions and food.

(b) That the force of big bombers did not knock us out is due to the Air Ministry having been formed, and priority of output obtained in steel and mechanics; by which means we got big bombers built before the enemy's squadrons were completed, and by attacking the factories and places where they were being assembled, we prevented the raids, and only *one* thousand kilo bomb was dropped in London (in Warrington Crescent). It would have opened even "Parallax's" mind if he had seen the destruction it caused.

(c) If it had not been for aircraft, our convoys of food and other stores would have been severely damaged by submarines. The submarine hates aircraft, and during the whole war not a single vessel that was escorted by heavier-than-air craft was sunk, hit, or captured by an under-sea boat.

With regard to the last paragraph in his letter, it hardly needs comment, for the same kind of things as "Parallax" says about airships were said with regard to railways, iron ships, steamers, motor-cars, and every other method of transport when these things were in their infancy, by people without knowledge or imagination.

MARK KERR, Admiral
(Late Deputy Chief of Air Staff, 1918).
Draycott Avenue, S.W.

Forgotten Paintings.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Wynne's query, the terms of Chantrey's bequest were quite clear. The President and Council of the R.A. were to purchase pictures "of the highest merit," such works "to be collected" for the purpose of *forming and establishing* a national collection of British fine art." In defiance of this trust, Chantrey pictures are from time to time removed from the walls of the Tate Gallery and then totally disappear, so far as the public is concerned. The catalogue is so arranged that the withdrawal is concealed. When pictures, say, from the Vernon Collection are removed, their whereabouts—as often as not some Government office, where they are as good as lost—is mentioned. But not so with Chantrey pictures, masterpieces carefully selected for enjoyment by the public.

The only excuse proffered for this act of apparent injustice to the artists, and loss to us, is lack of space. But the trustees of the Gallery can always find an empty room for a one-man show for the benefit of some favoured artist; it can constantly add to its collection of ultra-modern ictures of questionable merit (I have the official photographs of two before me resembling the work of a young child), and, if space be needed, a partial clearance should be made of surplus works by a number of artists who are greatly over-represented. For while Brangwyn, our greatest artist, is considered to be entitled to one picture only at the Tate (other master-painters, such as Talmage, Russell Flint, S. J. Solomon, and Terrick-Williams are not represented by a single frame!), Augustus John has twelve, Steer has thirteen, W. Rothenstein has ten, and so on. If the Gallery is overcrowded, it is the Tate Gallery trustees themselves who are causing the trouble; only three or four Chantrey works are added each year. If a single picture by John, a cartoon which adds nothing to his reputation, but measures 375 *square feet*, were removed, it would afford space for half-a-dozen masterpieces.

CHARLES H. L. EMANUEL.
St. John's Gardens, W.

Good Physicians.

Sir,—With reference to the inquiry of Mr. H. L. Lewis, Sydney Smith said that "the best physicians are Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet, and Dr. Merryman.

Longfellow had much the same idea, viz:—

Joy and Temperance and Repose
Slam the door on the doctor's nose.

Croydon. P. G. TILLARD.

Sir,—Arthur Young may well have had in mind Benjamin Franklin's philosophic comment:—

The best physician is he who knows the least remedies.

WILLIAM R. POWER.
Stamford Hill, N.

"Drink, Puppy, Drink."

Sir,—Sir Charles Cook will find the words of the hunting song "Drink, Puppy, Drink," written by the late Major G. J. Whyte-Melville, in the "Oxford Song Book," collected and arranged by Percy M. Buck, M.A., D.Mus.(Oxon.).
Richmond. JOSEPHINE MARY CASTLE.

Sir,—The words of "Drink, Puppy, Drink" will be found in the "Commoner Song Book," in use at Winchester at "Commoner Singings" (or sing-songs) which take place after successful matches against other sections into which the school is divided for the purposes of the particular form of football there in vogue, known as "Our Game."
Northiam, Sussex. T. P. FRY.

[Replies have also been received from M. Lee (Springfield Road, N.W.), Charles Parsons (Chester Terrace, N.W.), John Jorrocks (Northam), H. M. Holmes (Lebanon Gardens, S.E.), F. W. D'Evelyn (Budleigh Salterton), E. H. Lake (Bowes Park, N.), H. W. Greene (Bures), H. Malcolm McKee (Bangor), A. T. (Newport), W. H. Oakley (Guildford), W. Bath Cleaver (Sudbrook), Walter Belcher (Kingston-on-Thames), and Dorothy M. G. Dun (Fife).]

Readers' Queries.

[The number of readers' queries that reach us is now so great that a small proportion only can be published, and we endeavour, therefore, to make a selection of those of most general interest.]

In chapter xix. of T. L. Peacock's "Melincourt" occurs the adjective "tethrippharmatelasipedioploctypophilous," describing the pursuits of Sir Telegraph Paxarett. Can any of your readers who are learned in Greek convey the meaning of this remarkable word into English?—C. Leonard Carr (Detroit, U.S.A.).

De Quincey, in his "Confessions of an English Opium Eater," part ii., says:—

For opium (like the bee that extracts its materials indiscriminately from roses and from the soot of chimneys) can overrule all feelings into a compliance with the master-key.

I would be glad if any of your readers could verify the statement concerning the bees.—Wm. N. J. Perry (Shooters Hill, S.E.).

How was access to Peking from the sea obtained fifty years ago? Was Tientsin then the seaport for the capital, and were the two connected by railway?—H. B. (Darlington).

Can any reader tell me where I may find the poem "The Loss of the Birkenhead"?—A. G. (Tatsfield).

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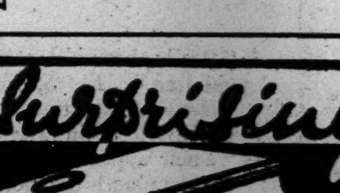

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THE BATTLE OF THE FALKLANDS.

DECEMBER 8, 1914.

THREAT OF CORONEL.

By OUR NAVAL CORRESPONDENT.

On December 8, 1914, just sixteen years ago, the battle of the Falklands was fought and won. No endeavour to engrave the battle upon the national memory would ever be wasted, for if the importance of an action at sea is measured by its consequences and not merely by the numbers engaged, then the battle of the Falklands was the greatest battle of the naval war. The battle of Jutland is an impressive and dramatic episode; yet, if it had never been fought, the war would have continued for the same length of time, and would have been brought to an end by the same agencies, at the same date. If the battle of the Falklands had not been fought on December 8, some twenty million tons of grain and meat supplies would have been endangered within forty-eight hours. This, moreover, would have been only the immediate consequence; the remoter ones baffle analysis and cannot be reduced to statistical form. All that can be said is that if Admiral Count von Spee had cruised unopposed along the coast of South America, and had subsequently established himself in the West Indies, he would have paralysed the seaborne commerce of an entire continent. No contingencies in any way comparable to these are attached to any other battle of the naval war.

The essential facts are easily remembered. On November 1 Admiral Cradock, in command of an utterly inadequate cruiser force, fell in with Admiral Count von Spee's squadron, and was overwhelmingly defeated.

A GREAT COUNTER-STROKE.

Two days before the disaster Lord Fisher was appointed First Sea Lord, and as soon as the news came in plans were at once prepared for a great counter-stroke. In the afternoon of November 11, just as dark was settling over Plymouth Sound, the battle cruisers Inflexible and Invincible steamed past the great breakwater and set a course for the mid-Atlantic. Admiral Sturdee, who was in command, took the two ships to the Falkland Islands with almost incredible speed, and anchored on Monday, December 7, in the landlocked harbour of Port Stanley. His force had, by then, been reinforced by Admiral Stoddart in his flagship the Carnarvon, and by the cruisers Cornwall, Kent, and Glasgow. When the squadron thus reached its first destination there were some vague rumours that the German squadron was rounding the Horn, but nothing was known of the German admiral's intentions. The British squadron coaled all night, and was still coaling when the look-out station reported that the German squadron was approaching. It was then a few minutes to eight.

BRIEF BUT DECISIVE.

By 10 o'clock all the British ships were under way; the first shots were fired just before one, and at half-past seven the battle was over. The German squadron never had the least chance against such a crushing concentration, and only one ship—the Dresden—escaped in the gathering darkness. The Gneisenau, the Scharnhorst, the Nürnberg, and the Leipzig all perished.

The Falklands campaign should be remembered because of all campaigns fought at sea none better illustrates Great Britain's weakness. It showed that the country is vulnerable in a degree unprecedented in its long maritime history. We have suffered reverses before Coronel, but no reverse outside the Mediterranean or the Channel has ever been followed by such consequences. Millions of tons of essential supplies were held up because a small, detached squadron had been defeated in the South-Western Pacific; millions more were threatened because an enemy squadron was believed to be rounding Cape Horn. British national security was, in fact, endangered by a reverse in a distant corner of a distant ocean, and re-established by a victory not far from the Antarctic Circle.

STANDARD OF SECURITY.

The logical inferences are not difficult to draw. Inasmuch as the nature and sources of our weakness are peculiar to ourselves, so British naval security is a standard of strength which can only be assessed by examining the statistics of British trade, the positions of British commercial harbours and of British coaling stations, bases, and protected anchorages. Every other method of computation is wrongly conceived; none is more misleading than the method which consists in compiling tables of British ships and guns and comparing them with similar tables of foreign naval forces.

MEN, WOMEN, AND MEMORIES.

LORD CLARENDON—GENERAL SEELY'S SUGGESTION —THE LATE LORD SALISBURY—NOISY OXFORD.

By ATTICUS.

The Earl of Clarendon, G.C.M.G., who has been appointed Governor-General of South Africa, is just the kind of personage whom the Dominions have been accustomed to receive as the King's vicegerent. He is a great nobleman, with a fine family tradition behind him, who has filled many high offices of state, including that of Colonial Secretary. Australia has been accommodated with a Governor-General of a different type. The King, on Mr. Scullin's "recommendation," has conferred the appointment on Sir Isaac Isaacs, the Chief Justice of the Commonwealth. This is another implication of "Dominion status," and a very important one; for it means that henceforward the Overseas nation-states will select their own Governors-General, and the post will be in the gift of the Cabinet for the time being in power.

The first Australian-born Governor-General has a good personal record. He had a large practice at the Bar. He is recognised as a sound constitutional authority; he has acted with credit as a judge; and he was born only 75 years ago. Youth will be served in those brisk young communities!

ANOTHER COALITION?

General J. E. B. Seely's latest adventure is in its own way as daring as any of the others which he has encountered in his highly adventurous life, though it does not involve physical danger. He is bold enough to attempt to abolish our political parties and make an end of their chronic quarrel. In this grave national emergency, he urges, we must stop our incessant civil warfare, turn Parliament into a Council of State, and form a co-operative, if not necessarily a coalition, government of the best men we can get. Then it can set to work, without friction or partisanship, to do what is necessary for the nation and the Empire. He scorns the idea that the average Briton would feel uneasy if the party game were dropped. And General Seely certainly ought to be a good judge of public opinion. He has come in contact with the average British mind in many capacities—in Parliament, in several elections, in the Cabinet, with the Imperial Yeomanry in the South African War, and in the European War, and just now as Chairman of the National Savings Committee. The larger part of his sixty-two years have been engaged in doing useful service to his own countrymen and others. Soon after he left Cambridge he gained the French Government's gold medal for saving life at sea.

PERJURY AND THE BENCH.

Who shall decide when judges disagree? Mr. Justice McCardie has been telling us that perjury in the law courts has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished. Whereupon another judge of the High Court, the Hon. Sir Harry Eve, finds it his duty to state that his learned brother is quite wrong. Speaking from a longer experience of the Bar and the Bench, Eve, J., affirms that he does not think the good old trade of perjury is what it was. On the contrary, his lordship holds that the majority of persons in the witness-box do make an effort to tell the truth, as they see it. He suggests that Mr. Justice McCardie has been generalising too hastily from the cases in the Divorce Court. In that august tribunal it is well known that no gentleman will shrink from a lie in order to shield a woman. Mr. Justice McCardie, though he has been on the Bench for fourteen years, is young as judges go, being no more than 61. He also wears, with his judicial robes, the white flower of a bachelor life. Sir Harry Trelawny Eve (married) has passed his 74th birthday, and was called to the Bar nearly half a century ago.

STATESMEN AND SCIENCE.

Mr. Justice Eve's remarks were made at the anniversary dinner of the Royal Society, in the presence of the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister. Mr. MacDonald said that if the choice had been given him when young he would have preferred to follow the road which leads to the fellowship of the Royal Society rather than the one which brought him to the Premiership. Perhaps he found the easier path. Have we had a Prime Minister yet who was really distinguished as a man of science? The late Lord Balfour had keen scientific interests without much scientific knowledge. On the other hand, we have had Ministers who have been scholars, philosophers, theologians, minor poets, and novelists. Science is perhaps a more jealous mistress; or, a cynic might suggest, it calls for a higher quality of brain than politics. One is reminded of the exasperated golf caddy's rebuke to Professor Blackie, when that eminent humanist had made an unusually bad tee-shot. "Ye may know something about Greek, professor; but it needs a mon wi' a head to play the gowf."

A LONELY STUDENT.

An exception in this respect among Prime Ministers was the Marquess of Salisbury, who was understood to have studied physics and chemistry in a more serious fashion than his versatile nephew. But he was habitually reticent in all private and personal matters, and neither wrote nor spoke of his scientific pursuits. It was a phase of his curious aloofness. I remember once being present at a great political fête—"a gathering of the Tory"—in the grounds of Hatfield. There were many political notabilities in the throng, but I did not see the great statesman till, happening to glance casually at an upper window of the house, I perceived a heavy figure and a bearded face, silhouetted against the light, in front of a laboratory table. Presently an arm uplifted itself and some liquid was poured carefully from a test-tube into a glass retort. Archimedes went on with his experiments, ignoring the barbarian invaders.

THE MONUMENTAL CURSE.

In the excavations in progress on the Romano-British site in Hertfordshire a "curse-inscription" has been found. It is a leaden tablet with the words: "Tacita—or by whatever other name she may be called—is hereby cursed." Evidently the Silent Lady's aggrieved lover (or possibly husband) did not take it lying down. The mediæval Italians also occasionally inscribed memorial maledictions on stone or metal. In Genoa, if you know where to look for it, you can find a Monument of Infamy, erected to the dishonourable memory of a Bolshevist of the period who tried to upset the Government. There is something to be said for the practice. Many of us could mention the names of a number of persons whose misdirected activities could be appropriately commemorated in this fashion. Personally, I should like a monument of infamy to the inventor of the starched front and collar-stud.

STAGE AND SCREEN.

Mr. Frederick Lonsdale's announcement that he has written his last play, and will henceforth only concern himself with "talkie" films, is interesting. So are his reasons for this decision. He frankly admits that he prefers the talkie because it appeals to a larger public than the acted drama. The latter may be seen, at the best, by 500,000 spectators; the successful film will rope in twenty millions. So the screen dramatist may have his work shown to, and heard by, many more people, become better known to the discerning public, and draw fatter royalties. But is not there a snag in this last high-souled suggestion? Certainly the great American producing companies will pay big sums for big names, and no doubt some leading dramatists, if they care to compose a talking film, will be able to dispose of their work for substantial sums. The late Henry Arthur Jones told me he received £5,000 for the film rights of one of his dramas. But he had already made a great deal more out of this piece on the stage; and when he saw the screen version he did not recognise it.

The dramatist gets the lion's share of the profits of a popular play because its success mainly depends upon him. In the film the producer is a more important personage, and then there are the photographers, cameramen, scenic experts, mechanicians, and a number of others to take a good slice out of the amounts realised.

STUDY UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Something will really have to be done about the noises of Oxford. In the past the undergraduate who wished to cut a dash, and had the requisite means, liked to take lodgings in "the High." They were rather expensive, but otherwise desirable. Now they are spoilt by the nerve-shattering riot of heavy traffic through what some have called the most beautiful street in Britain. Study and social recreation are both disturbed by the grinding wheels, which shake the books on the shelves and the wine-glasses on the sideboard. So the wily undergraduate prefers rooms further afield, even in the neighbourhood of the railway station, which was planted far outside the University centre.

TRADE PROBLEMS.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

CANADIAN DEVELOPMENTS.

By HAROLD COX.

Trade problems continue to occupy the principal place in the public mind. It may be that the wave of pessimism from which the country is now suffering is a little bit overdone. There are many signs of prosperity in England accompanying the undoubted fact of depression in certain industries, and if we look back to past years we find that similar periods of depression occurred and passed away. Nevertheless, it is obviously important that we should do all we can to develop and improve our industries. In this connection there has just been issued a report by a committee appointed early in the year "to examine the present situation as regards the British Industries Fair and to consider what means can be adopted to increase still further its utility to British trade."

This Fair came into existence soon after the outbreak of war in 1914. Immediately war was declared, many British industries found themselves handicapped through inability to obtain essential requisites which had previously been imported from Germany or Austria. It was necessary to produce these at home if possible, and with the assistance of the Board of Trade the British Industries Fair was established to collect samples of goods from firms willing to make them, and to get into touch with the firms requiring such goods. The first Fair was held in 1915 in the Royal Agricultural Hall. The Fair was continued in subsequent years at different places, such as the White City and Olympia. In 1920 a similar fair was started at Birmingham, specially devoted to machinery and engineering.

A BUSINESS CONCERN.

The scope of the London Fair is not limited in the same way; but in practice, according to this report, it is far from being fully representative of British industry. Several important industries in fact deliberately abstain from taking part in it, having exhibitions of their own which they prefer. Essentially, indeed, the British Industries Fair is a matter for manufacturers and merchants. The manufacturer sends his goods there to be inspected by the dealer, and one point which comes out from this report is a conflict between official mentality and commercial mentality. The committee appointed by the Board of Trade is anxious that the British Industries Fair should be thrown open to the general public. The exhibitors do not want the general public; they want representatives of commercial firms whose operations might be impeded by the crowd of casual visitors.

This raises the question whether it would not be better for the Government to leave the matter alone. The trades concerned are perfectly competent to organise their own show or shows, and they might reasonably do it at their own expense. But already the Government is contributing £25,000 a year for advertising this Fair, and the report under review proposes that this sum should be increased to £100,000. Whatever else happens, a Government-appointed Committee nearly always ends its report by proposing more governmental expenditure.

Incidentally this report strongly criticises a much more expensive Government institution—the Empire Marketing Board—and states that "as at present organised it can only help British industry to a very limited extent." Indeed, the energies of the Empire Marketing Board are almost exclusively devoted to pushing the sale of Empire products in Great Britain; it takes no direct action to push the sale of British products in the Overseas Empire.

CANADA AND THE U.S.A.

Another very interesting publication dealing with trade problems has been recently issued by the banking house of Erlangers. It is a statistical examination of "The manufacturing industries of the British Empire Overseas," and its main purpose is to examine in detail the possibilities of the development of inter-Imperial trade. Part I. just issued deals with Canada. The main facts concerning the industrial development of Canada are very clearly set out, and there are some beautifully drawn diagrams showing the distribution of Canadian trade. These diagrams, unfortunately, do not give much encouragement to the hope that Canada can be counted upon as an effective market for British industries. In the year ending March 31, 1930, roughly 68 per cent. of Canadian imports came from the U.S.A. and only 15 per cent. from the U.K. Another 12 per cent. came from other foreign countries and 5 per cent. from parts of the Empire overseas. Thus, roughly, 80 per cent. of Canada's imports are taken from foreign countries and only 20 per cent. from British countries.

In the case of exports Canada is slightly more dependent on Great Britain. 25 per cent. of her exports go to the U.K. and, roughly, 46 per cent. to the U.S.A. The explanation of these rather disconcerting figures lies primarily in the fact of the geographical contiguity of the U.S.A. and Canada. There is the further fact that American financiers and American manufacturers have deliberately pushed American industries into Canada behind the bar of the Canadian tariff. Thus, goods which were formerly imported into Canada from Great Britain are now being manufactured in Canada by American capitalists behind the tariff bar which shuts out British goods.

WHAT CHAMBERLAIN SAID.

The situation is likely to become worse as the result of the new Tariff Act passed in September last, which considerably raised the Canadian duties on many important British as well as foreign products. Canada is apparently more anxious to develop her manufacturing than her rural industries, so that while she is still seeking a market in Great Britain for the products of her farms she is anxious to shut out British manufactures where they compete with Canadian manufactures. Examples are given of the new duties imposed in September last. On cotton yarns of British manufacture the duty was raised from 10 per cent. *ad val.* to 12½ per cent.; on cotton fabrics, bleached, from 15 to 20 per cent.; and on cotton fabrics, printed, dyed, or coloured, from 20 to 22½ per cent. Similar figures are given for other industries.

Unfortunately Mr. Bennett at the recent Imperial Conference made it clear that whatever may be done in the way of increased preference for British goods against foreign goods, the interests of Canadian manufacturers are to be put first. It was this consideration which made Mr. Joseph Chamberlain turn down an exactly similar preferential offer from Canada in 1902. To quote his words: "So long as a preferential tariff, even a munificent preference, is still sufficiently protective to exclude us altogether, or nearly so, from your markets, it is no satisfaction to us that you have imposed even greater disability upon the same goods if they come from foreign markets."

No man's occupation should be a danger to his life or a menace to his health.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

As far as I know, no Government in history has done so much mischief in so little time as the Socialist Party.—Lord Hailsham.

I am not prepared to say that under no circumstances and for no end can we consent to put a tax on food. I can conceive a situation in which it might be a very great advantage.—Lord Buckmaster.

I cannot conceive of anything more dull and uninteresting than a dead level of standardised architecture. I prefer the hill on which I was born; England for the English, France for the French, Germany for the Germans.—Sir Reginald Blomfield.

'THE TOWN": MEN AND INTIMACIES

By "AUTOLYCUS."

The Royal Stock Farms, which will almost certainly carry off many prizes for exhibits at the great Cattle Show which opens at the Agricultural Hall to-morrow, attain a ninetieth anniversary this year, for it was in 1840 that the Prince Consort founded the Windsor establishment as a practical example in agricultural development. The late King Edward greatly developed this, and after the purchase of Sandringham founded a stock farm there on similar lines. King George takes a very keen interest in the maintenance of both establishments, which, though copied by many other stock breeders, remain among the finest of their kind in the world.

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Princess Elizabeth is too young to read the "Life" of her which recently appeared, but she has, of course, seen it, and the portraits of herself in it delighted her. The Duchess of York has, I also hear, been autographing a few copies of the book for friends of herself and her little daughter. It is one of the "best sellers" in the West End bookshops, and already has reached a circulation of 50,000 copies. Nobody has been more amazed at this than its author, whose name on the title-page of the volume is "Anne Ring." That is not her real name, but she was sometimes called that in the household of the Duke and Duchess of York, where she was governess to Princess Elizabeth.

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Lord Stonehaven, who has just laid down his duties as Governor-General of Australia, is enjoying London once more. I saw him one morning last week in Brook Street, where he is staying, and thought he looked remarkably well, although his locks have whitened since he sailed south in 1925. Lady Stonehaven is looking forward keenly to resuming her home life once more. One of the penalties of undertaking these overseas governorships is the risk of one's dear ones passing away whilst one is at a distance. That has been Lady Stonehaven's experience, for since she was last here her father, the Earl of Kintore, has passed away.

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Youth is not a distinction of the little handful of Socialist peers, and the "Father" of the party in the Upper House, the Earl of Kimberley, will this week be 83. Though he has expressed his Labour sympathies, however, Lord Kimberley has never taken so active a part in politics as did his father, who four times held Cabinet office under Gladstone, and ended as Leader of the Liberals in the Lords. The present peer prefers the quieter life of an agriculturist and landowner, and gives most of his interest to the management of big estates in Norfolk. His son and heir, Lord Wodehouse, sat as a Liberal M.P. from 1906 till 1910, but seems to have abandoned politics for polo—to the great gain of that sport.

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Many discoveries were made at the private view of Lord Birkenhead's library, the sale of which starts to-morrow. I had the opportunity of examining a number of books. One, for example, was Mr. Stanley Baldwin's collection of Essays on England. On the flyleaf, opposite to Viscount Birkenhead's bookplate, were written the words "To F.E. from S.B." Another volume was presented by Baron Emile d'Erlanger. Curiously enough the name on the binding was spelt "Emilie," and the name of Lord Desborough in the text was spelt "Deqborough." Another book, of Kipling's early works all in their original paper covers, bound in one volume, was presented to F.E. in 1922 by an "affectionate friend."

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Sir Woodman Burbidge, the genial head of Harrods, who celebrates a 58th anniversary to-day, attributes much of his success in climbing from a junior clerkship to control of one of the world's premier stores, to ability to concentrate on the job in hand, whether it happens to be work or play. Asked once for his advice to young men entering business, he answered, "First, whatever your job, mark out the biggest man at that job and emulate him. Secondly, work for all you're worth and play for all you're worth." For himself, he added, he leaves business behind when he leaves the office at night, and refuses to think of it again until next morning.

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"Spot" is no more, and it is no exaggeration to say that he will be really mourned by a very large number of those who live, or conduct their business, in Kensington. For the past eight years he has been a familiar figure, growing perhaps a little fatter, but unfaltering in his devotion to his mistress, in whose presence he had eyes for no one else. Every shopkeeper in Church Street was his trusted friend, and it was his daily custom to visit each in turn, running behind their counters to receive a specially sweet biscuit at the dairy, a lump of sugar at the cleaners, and a piece of cheese at the grocers.

In his younger days "Spot" was a noted chaser of stray cats, for whom his loathing and contempt was universal, with the sole exception of "Tiger," the sharer of his own fireside, who shamelessly aided and abetted him in darting out of the gate and putting any feline callers to instant rout. A very ordinary fox-terrier of uncertain lineage, "Spot's" obvious lack of "points" seemed of small account beside his unvarying friendliness to those he once accepted as worthy of his regard.

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Lady Carisbrooke, who set out last week to spend Christmas in Madrid with her sister-in-law the Queen of Spain, will return from this visit for the first time to her new home in Paris. She will be greatly missed in London, for, although handicapped by several severe illnesses of recent years, Lady Carisbrooke has a very wide circle of friends, with whom she is always a much-sought-after and popular figure. Tall and very slim, and endowed with that indefinable air of distinction which is born, but can never be acquired, Lady Irene Denison (as she then was) created quite a sensation when she came out; and in 1917 she married Prince Alexander of Battenberg, first cousin to the King and elder son of Princess Beatrice, who took the title of the first Marquess of Carisbrooke. Her interests are many and varied. She is an expert golfer, a keen first-nighter, and has dabbled more or less seriously in the occult. Lord and Lady Carisbrooke have one child, Lady Iris Mountbatten, now ten years old, after whom the children's ward is to be named at the wonderful new Kensington, Fulham and Chelsea General Hospital, of which her father is president.

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Advertising agents and writers of "blurbs" for the paper jackets of new novels are painfully apt to become engulfed in a spate of words, in which they splutter and flounder helplessly. They might take a lesson in plain speaking from the landlord of a small, wayside inn in Sussex, which I motored past the other day. A neat signboard in a neat garden bears this simple, but telling slogan:—

If you pass and thirsty be,
The fault's on you, and not on me.

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Dr. Bell, the Bishop of Chichester, who is so well known to many Londoners owing to the length of time that he served the late Archbishop of Canterbury as chaplain and private secretary, is inaugurating a new procedure in his scattered diocese. He has gathered together his clergy in the spacious mediæval kitchen of the palace, and has there explained to them the inner significance of the Lambeth Conference Report. After that there has been free and frank discussion. The clergy have remained in Chichester for two days, and they now declare that their new Bishop, although still in the forties, has shown such a grasp and has been so inspiring that they fear that before long he will be translated either to York or Canterbury.

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Any stranger wandering into the Claridge Gallery last Friday—a gloomy day if ever there was one—might well have rubbed his eyes and wondered if indeed winter had turned suddenly to spring, or even to full-blown summer. Bluebells and primroses; a little flowering almond tree; lilies, roses, and rhododendrons—the gallery was a mass of exquisite blooms growing in pale green alabaster urns, between which smart women in their furs and velvets moved like creatures from another world. The occasion was the private view of Sybil Pitman's exhibition of model gardens and flower-pieces; and among the fashionable crowd (admiring in particular a splendid magnolia tree in a Chinese bowl, and a group of mixed flowers on a pedestal lighted from within) were the Dowager Lady Swaythling and Lady Cynthia Tothill.

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In my reference a fortnight ago to the retirement of Sir Ellis Hume-Williams from the Bar, I mentioned that he sat for the Bassetlaw division of Notts for this nine years. This was quite an under-statement, for he was elected at the first of the two elections in 1910, and retained his seat through four general elections till 1929. By the way, his new book, "The World, The House, and the Bar," went through its first edition (1,500 copies) within a month of publication, and is now being reprinted.

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A MORAL FOR MEDDLERS.

MORE by good luck than by good management, the coal industry has escaped a crippling crisis. Second thoughts have proved more sober, and the Miners' Federation, which a week ago irresponsibly banged the door on a compromise, has since declined the responsibility for a national stoppage, and the districts have been left to work out their own salvation. The people to come worst out of it all are the Government, who did everything to precipitate and nothing to avert disaster, and, when it came to the pinch, were saved, not in the least by their own statesmanship, but by the last-hour common-sense of those engaged in the industry.

If ever there was a crisis wantonly brought about by a Government, here was one. The whole history of the Coal Act, its antecedents and its immediate results, has been a history of gratuitous folly. There was no need for the Act; indeed, there were crushing reasons against it. But because of a promise made to their miner supporters as an electoral bribe, the Government were forced into introducing it. The bribe was the first blunder, from which the rest of the folly proceeded. The Act was conceived in political immorality.

The next blunder was the drafting of the Act itself, which was done with astounding clumsiness. The best part of a long session was occupied in licking it into some sort of shape, at the end of which it was still a malformed and malbegotten creature. What had begun, in Mr. LLOYD GEORGE's words at the time, as "a thoroughly bad Bill" reached the House of Lords still anything but a good one. There the one saving clause—or rather the one clause that could and would have been saving—was re-inserted, on the initiative of LORD SALISBURY. This was the clause permitting the spread-over as an alternative to the shorter day; and at this point the Government committed the next blunder. By insisting on the right of the Miners' Federation to veto the spread-over, they robbed the industry of its one road of escape from the consequences of a fatal measure and paved the way direct to last week's crisis. It was a move for which a section of Conservatives themselves cannot avoid some responsibility.

By the Act, once the Federation had exercised its veto, the spread-over became illegal. A week ago the Federation did so exercise its veto, yet to-day the spread-over is the main line of compromise on which agreement is being reached in the districts. By shifting the responsibility, at its second meeting, on to the shoulders of the districts, the Federation in effect reversed its previous decision, and so the situation was saved. The Federation has done anything but cover itself with glory, and has been rescued from its own worst folly by the good sense of its officials. The Government, for their part, have been relieved from having to handle a graver crisis by the action of the House of Lords, which insisted when the Bill was before it on the retention of the spread-over, though the Commons had twice rejected it.

Left to itself, and by dint of ignoring the Act, the industry is now settling its own problems. But for the Act there would have been no problem to settle. There can be few worse examples in political history of unwarranted interferences with industry and of its disastrous consequences. One day Governments will learn their lesson. A concern cannot be made to show a profit by Act of Parliament; it may, on the other hand, quite easily be made to show a loss. By meddling in the coal industry when nothing was necessary except to leave it to gather the momentum of recovery from within itself, the Government have caused the industry, themselves, and the country an exceedingly bad quarter of an hour without anything to show in return. The whole episode is a particularly unedifying instance of what happens when a political party, dealing with a subject it does not understand, tries to romp ahead of economic fact. In attempting to improve the social conditions of the miners faster than the industry could accommodate itself to the change, it has merely done the men a disservice, and made itself look ridiculous.

INDIAN REALITIES.

THE Round Table Conference is now getting down to details, and is beginning to find, as is natural and inevitable, how many and complicated they are. Many weeks of anxious and devoted work lie ahead of the delegates in considering and adjusting the wealth of conflicting problems and points of view that are bound to reveal themselves in elaborating a unified constitution for an amalgam of nations, creeds and customs representing one-fifth of the total population of the globe. No one need suppose that success will be easy or that it is even ultimately assured. There are many pitfalls ahead. There is only one sure way in which they can be successfully negotiated, and that is by keeping steadily in view through the maze of detail the few main principles that govern the situation.

India is a mixture of nations, but she is becoming conscious as a national whole. Nothing will destroy that consciousness or delay its growth: we can neither ignore it nor arrest it. We cannot continue to govern India without reference to it, and we have no wish to: that is why the delegates are assembled at St. James's. Nor can we concede everything, and all at once: it would be disastrous for India herself and incompatible with our interests and obligations. We have, then, to reach a compromise, and it is the nature of this compromise that the Conference is called upon to settle. But it must always be remembered that the most important political element in India is unrepresented at the Conference, that the views of this element are more extreme than those of any section of Indian opinion represented round the Table, and that any agreement reached by the Conference and subsequently embodied in an Act of Parliament will have to pass the scrutiny of this extreme element or else be enforced without its consent, and perhaps in the face of its opposition.

This grasped, it becomes clear that the position of those representing India at the Conference is not an easy one. We shall be wise to make it as smooth for them as possible. The British delegates can be relied upon to take firm hold of principle without neglecting the importance of approach. Withholding what we must, conceding nothing it is vital to keep, let us make what concessions we are prepared to make ungrudgingly and with generosity. The problem is largely psychological. A people newly aware of its nationhood may be acutely conscious of its status; in such circumstances the spirit in which things are done may be as important as the things themselves. There is often much virtue in a gesture, and in the difficult weeks ahead of the Conference this truth may once again be demonstrated.

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DENIALS notwithstanding, it is plain that the Government have done a deal with the Liberals, and that they thereby hope to remain in office for many months to come. No doubt there is nothing on paper to prove it, but for all that the deal exists: that it will prove as lasting as the Government seem at present to imagine only a rash man would prophesy. There is no guarantee that it will endure; the personal incompatibility between the PRIME MINISTER and Mr. LLOYD GEORGE is real and cannot be overcome: we should say that, as an alliance, the new combination of forces will prove distinctly uneasy. Nevertheless, agreement has been reached for the moment, and the Government have cynically bought the support of the Liberals for a Bill in which the Liberals do not believe, by offering the Liberals the support of the Government for a Bill in which the Government do not believe.

Neither side stands to profit ultimately by this sort of arrangement. The country is quick to resent opportunism in politics, and is growing increasingly disdainful of party tactics. Sir JOHN SIMON warned his Liberal colleagues of this three weeks ago. They have ignored his advice and taken the plunge: in the long run they will pay for it with their lives. A party cannot be kept alive by tactics, and may easily be killed by them: the Liberal Party is "dying of tactics." Integrity is an indispensable key to the confidence of the British electorate. For this reason the Liberal deal with the Socialists is to be condemned on grounds not only of conscience but also of common sense.

"A VERY GRAVE POSITION."

IN a pamphlet just issued, the Engineering and Allied Employers' National Federation calls attention to the "very grave position" of British engineering and the crisis in British industry as a whole. Depression is not confined to a few industries; figures show it to be general and to be affecting the "sheltered" industries. Engineering feels the draught particularly because it is a finishing industry, and as such it has to carry burdens accumulated in many other branches of industry. Having stated the position, the pamphlet proceeds to examine causes and propound remedies. The first essential, as it rightly says, is to take drastic action. "There were those who after August, 1914," it significantly adds, "thought that the War would win itself if we only let it alone."

First and foremost among remedies the pamphlet places a decrease in costs of production. They are too high, and the engineering industry suffers for their height at every stage on the way up. One of the reasons for high production costs is the high price of capital, and this in its turn is caused by the extravagant expenditure of the State and municipalities, which leaves less money—and therefore dearer money—available for industrial enterprise. The first big necessity is thus shown to be national and local economy. It is not a new cry; we have heard it every day of our lives for the last ten years; but nothing is ever done about it. Expenditure to which the nation is already committed cannot be materially cut down, but at least we can be spared from increasing our obligations. When this pamphlet points out that during the last forty years—sixteen of them since the outbreak of war—social burdens have increased by about 1,500 per cent., it drives home its argument with a vengeance.

"MISTRESS IN HER OWN."

THE appointment of Sir ISAAC ISAACS as Governor-General of Australia marks the beginning of a new era in the relations existing between the Mother Country and the Dominions. Hitherto the KING's representative in the Dominions was appointed on the recommendation of the Home Government, but in view of recent developments a change has come, and it is only natural that it should occasion controversy. Much can be said on both sides of the question. On the whole the old system worked well. To represent HIS MAJESTY in one of the great Dominions was the highest ambition of a long line of illustrious men who have earned fame as Empire-builders. We certainly can claim to have sent out our best to the Dominions, and their work will abide.

Of late some Empire statesmen have regarded the arrangement as imputing inferiority. Nothing could have been further from our intention. All that we desired was that the KING should be represented by the wisest and most experienced statesmen. Just as the KING himself knows nothing of party, so it is necessary that his Viceroy should be one who had not been embroiled in local strife. If the field from which men are to be drawn is limited, there is real danger that the change may do more harm than good. Parochialism, however admirable it may be, does not make for Imperialism. Sir ISAAC ISAACS is certainly not the man to act parochially, and he has our best wishes in his new office.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

THE decision given by the King's Bench that the opening of cinema houses in London on Sunday is illegal will come as a surprise to most citizens. The Sunday Observance Act of 1781 is still on the Statute Book, and in strict law the learned Judges were clearly right in deciding that the London County Council has no right to allow these houses to open, but it is scarcely correct to suggest that there has been an arrangement to set the law at defiance. The real fact is that most people have long since forgotten of the existence of this 150-year-old Act. As a means of regulating the lives of the people it is as out of date as a sedan chair, and one good purpose served by the decision is to bring the anomaly to light.

Each generation must decide for itself how it will observe Sunday. Times and manners have changed since 1781, and whatever excuse there may have been for the passing of the Sunday Observance Act there is now none for its continuance. There is no reason whatever why Sunday should be a dull, drab day, and there can be no real connection between Christianity and melancholy. If the people want harmless amusement on Sunday it is absurd that it should be denied them because of a moth-eaten Act of Parliament. There are no doubt many more obsolete and forgotten Statutes which should be repealed at the same time as this Act of 1781. A situation so anomalous cannot be allowed to continue.

CURSING AS A FINE ART.

"CURSES, not loud but deep," cried SHAKESPEARE; Lord DAVID CECIL gave it as his opinion the other day that curses lately have been neither loud nor deep enough. The art of cursing, according to Lord DAVID CECIL, is in its decline; hate is giving place to a deplorable politeness; the Jackdaw of Rheims, in fact, might have pilfered to-day with impunity.

Indeed, when one comes to think of it, we live in a sadly mild age; even the experience of a BANDMASTER BARNACLE can scarce raise the drooping spirits. The Navy of to-day, it seems, *never* uses a big, big D. The bargee in a temper merely mutters "Bother!" Even the sergeant-major, one hears, is not the man he used to be; PIERRE and HANCE are his vituperative models:—

> The French for "Pish!" said THOMAS HANCE.
> Said PIERRE, "L'Anglais, Monsieur, pour 'bah!'"

This grave peril to our national reputation must be checked. Bigger and better curses are what we want; in fact (with apologies to Mr. KIPLING) "not a little-place-at-Tooting, but a country-house-with-shooting and a ring-fence-park Curse."

LIBERALS AND LABOUR.

THE NEW APPROACH.

WILL IT LEAD TO COALITION?

POSSIBILITIES TO BE FACED.

By "Scrutator."

Mr. Lloyd George's denial that any Pact exists between Liberals and the Government must not be construed too literally. We already know two articles: one, that the Trades Disputes Bill is to be introduced in a form that will secure a sufficient number of Liberal votes, and two, that an Electoral Reform Bill will be brought in before Christmas. How many more articles are needed to make a Pact is like the old question of how many grains of sand make a heap of sand. No leader can commit the loyalty of his followers very far ahead, and every agreement between political parties is necessarily temporary and contingent. But it is significant that Mr. Lloyd George in a passing allusion to the possibility that the Lords may reject the Electoral Reform Bill observed that if they did that would only increase the inducement to keep the Government in office. That is a contingent threat to keep the Government in office for two years, when the Bill would become law under the Parliament Act. Two years are quite long enough to convert a tactical convenience into a rule of policy.

An Unrevealed Pact.

There are several reasons why, even if the arrangements had been much more elaborate than is probable, the leaders of neither party would wish to confess to them. In both parties an understanding that compromises independence is unpopular amongst the rank and file; anti-Liberal sentiments are always loudly cheered on Labour platforms; and there is a highly respectable section of Liberal opinion which is bitterly critical of the tactics which have repeatedly saved the Government from defeat. Further, Mr. Lloyd George does not like crossing Rubicons, and it is his way to keep open as many lines of retreat as possible and for as long as is possible. The last impression, therefore, that he would wish to create amongst Conservatives is that it is no use their making advances to him. Certainly they have shown no disposition to do so, but if they were to offer him an as good or a better Electoral Reform Bill there are conditions even now on which he might accept an understanding with them as readily as with the Government. This writer has several times expressed the opinion here that that would be a cheap price to pay for the defeat of the Government, and sentiment which scouts the idea of any such arrangement is not always a sound counsellor on tactics. Protection in any form in which there is a chance of its being carried in the next five years need not be an insuperable obstacle.

Government's New Lease of Life.

But it is more interesting for the moment to speculate on the consequences of the agreement that has been concluded. The first and obvious consequence is that a Government which, on Mr. Lloyd George's own admission, deserved to fall has received a new lease of life. It is by no means so certain that its new term will show an improvement from the Conservative point of view on the former. The agreement with the Liberals will certainly prevent its policy from developing in certain directions, but it will not necessarily become less dangerous. Some of the worst of the last changes in the conditions of unemployment insurance benefit were due to Liberal encouragement, and the new confidence that an understanding with the Liberals, temporary and contingent though it may be, will give the Government may lead it into new faults. The worst fault of the Government has been its complete absence of ideas of its own. But, whatever inconveniences the new association with Liberals may bring, dearth of ideas both good and bad will not be one of them. Is there between Liberals and Labour sufficient common ground to give a new impulse to our party politics, and to produce a new school of political thought?

On the answer to that question must depend our estimate of the importance of what has happened. If our answer be that there is, then a new, probably more perilous, certainly more exciting, chapter may already have opened in our history. If our answer be No, then all that has happened is that political intrigue has taken a new twist which may be succeeded by another and yet another, but none of them exercise any permanent influence on the main course of events.

A Dream That Failed.

When the Liberal Unionists joined the Conservative Party on the Home Rule issue, all the conditions for fruitful union of ideas were present. The Liberals did not merely disappear in the Conservative Party, but leavened it with ideas that are still active within it. The modern Conservative Party would not be the force that it is but for the reinforcement that it then received from the Chamberlain Radical spirit. During the Coalition it seemed for a time as though Mr. Lloyd George might be a second Joseph Chamberlain, and that we were to have a new and successful cross in party politics; some of the ablest men in the Conservative Party dreamt of a new Centre Party which, under one name or the other, should be the main stream of creative politics. The dreams might conceivably have been realised but for Ireland. Is it possible that the attempt may be made again, in combination this time not with the Conservatives, but with Labour?

Breaking Up Two Parties.

That it cannot be made without a break up of two parties is evident. Already a section of the Labour Party is complaining bitterly that this is not a Socialist but a Liberal Government. On the other side a number of Liberals, perhaps proportionately larger among members than in the country, would undoubtedly break away from the party if the result of tactical association between Liberals and Socialists were to lead to the habit of association and the formation of a common policy. It is almost impossible to guess at the strength of the sections that would break off, but probably enough followers would stand pat to make the new combination the most powerful force in the State—always provided that the joint policy showed a sense of realities and had drive.

The criticisms of Mr. Lloyd George on the administration are from this point very significant. The Government is accused of reckless extravagance in finance. Ah, but we are never allowed to forget that Liberals have the secret of spending public money so that it fructifies. The Ministers of the Government are compared to babies in bassinettes wheeled about by the permanent officials. Yes, but we are expected to reflect that the Liberals are old hands at the business of government, and know how to keep the officials in their place as servants. Again, Mr. Lloyd George is no more a Socialist in principle than he is a Free Trader, but it was a Liberal, Sir William Harcourt, who said nearly forty years ago that "We are all Socialists now." There are still stern individualists in the party, but the average Liberal is not indisposed to regard it as a convincing objection to any proposal that it is Socialistic. He is prepared to consider each proposal on its merits, and the test that he applies is not one of principle, but will it work? How much in advance of that is such Socialism as the Government has practised or professed in office? It is even possible that the association with Liberals might make its practice more vigorous and inventive.

Protection a Business Issue.

Nor, despite the platform professions on both sides, is the issue of Free Trade and Protection really one of principle. It is solely one of business, of relative gain and loss, as Lord Buckmaster sees.

Further, the new Electoral Reform Bill with the alternative vote is likely to encourage the tendency towards coalition. The second choice of a voter will be worth having, and candidates will make an attempt to get it. If the habit of association has been formed in Parliament it will naturally be continued in the constituencies, and that will to some extent neutralise the effect of the defections that will undoubtedly take place from both Liberal and Labour parties in the circumstances that we have imagined.

A Dangerous Combination.

These are but speculations, but it is not wise to dismiss them as airy and unpractical. Contingent on the accidents that abound in politics and incalculable as the future may be, far stranger things have happened. The formation of such a combination is one of the possibilities that Conservatives must keep in mind. It would make a great difference to their future. The advantage of the new arrangement to the Government is that it enables them to choose their own time for an appeal to the constituencies. The credit of the Government can hardly fall lower than it was a month ago; given time, some improvement of trade and employment, and some lucky conjuncture of circumstances, and the expectations of triumph in which Conservatives have not unreasonably indulged may cloud over. The intention of the Government to fight the next election on food-taxes is manifest, and while no one expects that that cry will be as powerful as it apparently was in 1906, only a very rash man would prophesy a certain victory for the Conservatives at a general election one or two years hence. If the result were that no party obtained a clear majority over the other two, Conservatives would be in a far less advantageous position for bargaining than they are now, and—what is more important—the interests of the country would be dangerously dependent on accidents of political combination.

The Ideal Solution.

Undoubtedly the ideal solution would be a temporary truce of parties either under the present Prime Minister or under a temporary provisional Government drawn from all the parties, with a commission to settle or at any rate prepare a settlement for ratification of the two great problems of India and unemployment, which, of course, does not exclude such remedies as Imperial Preference or Protection might offer. That solution has become, if not impossible, at any rate much more difficult than it once was. Nor, although the door is still open, does there seem to be much chance of an arrangement with the Liberals that would defeat the Government. But that a Liberal-Labour combination represents a real danger which Conservatives would do well to recognise and to counteract betimes is surely not to be denied.

SUBSIDISING OPERA.

WHY I OPPOSE IT.

"An indefensible thing in an indefensible way."

By Ernest Newman.

Mr. Szarvasy's long statement of last Monday is full of admirable sentiments, but tells us nothing we did not know already. What he has to say on operatic ideals has been already said many times before by Sir Thomas Beecham and others; but Mr. Szarvasy does not reply to a single one of the questions for an answer to which we are all waiting. It is high time we had statements from both sides as to what went on in the negotiations between the Syndicate and the I.L.O. I understand that a statement from Sir Thomas Beecham is expected shortly. As, however, it has not appeared at the time this article is being written, I propose to put that aspect of the matter on one side and draw the attention of the community and of the Government to some further aspects of it that are independent of the more purely personal one.

First of all, as to the general question of a subsidy for opera. I, for my part, am not in favour of this. The opera lovers are only a small proportion of the total population of these islands, and I cannot see the equity of making the eighty per cent. of them who do not want opera pay for the pleasures of the twenty per cent. of us who do. There are quite enough people interested in opera to find the funds for it if only there is the will to do so, and if they will only get together and agree as to ways and means. If they will not do this, they should be left to do without opera.

Personnel of the Syndicate.

Until the other day, the C.G.O.S. that has been running opera bore on its notepaper the following names: F. A. Szarvasy, Colonel Blois, Osmund Williams (of the H.M.V. Company), who died last summer, and W. N. Bicket, of whom I know nothing. At about the time of the B.B.C. announcement of the 15th November a new Syndicate—the C.G.O.S. (1930) Ltd.—was registered with a capital of £100, "with power to add to the amount." The directors are F. A. Szarvasy, Eustace Blois, and Alfred Clark. Mr. Szarvasy is a gentleman well known in City circles. Presumably he put up the money, or part of the money, for the three seasons (I think it has been three) that have been given at Covent Garden since Mrs. Courtauld gave up her public-spirited labours there. If Mr. Szarvasy were financing a private syndicate, obviously he would have a right to a voice in the running of opera by that Syndicate. But if he is not, or is doing so only to a limited extent, and if his Syndicate is to be given a grant from public funds, then frankly I cannot see what his qualifications are for the onerous duties it is now proposed to thrust upon him. As I see the matter, he is a financier who has become recently interested in opera, not an expert in opera or in music.

Mr. Alfred Clark is the new chairman of the H.M.V. Company, which is said to be putting up that odd £5,000, or a large part of it, which, with the £17,500 from the Treasury and the £7,500 from the B.B.C., makes up the £30,000 that now figures so largely in the public eye. As I have already said, this or any other gramophone company is fully within its rights in making this contribution. It is a business concern, and if it thinks that, since many of its own artists necessarily appear at Covent Garden, the sale of its records will be helped by the continuance of the opera, that is entirely its own affair, not the public's. But Mr. Clark, I am sure, would be the last to claim that he has any specialised knowledge of opera as an art, or of the thousand details of the ideal running of it.

Col. Blois as Deus ex Machina.

It boils down, then, to this, that so far as the running of the opera is concerned—on the artistic as apart from the financial side of it—the Syndicate means, for all practical purposes, Colonel Blois, who has been in charge of Covent Garden for the last few years. To look to "Covent Garden" to "save opera," which, we are told, is the object of the Government and other grants—is therefore, in essence, to look to Colonel Blois. If the Government grant goes through, we have, in fact, if not in name, a State opera. Before that unprecedented plunge was taken, there should have been a careful inquiry by the Government into all the thousand facts of the case; the Government should have sought the advice of recognised musical and other experts in a complicated matter of which, in the nature of the case, it itself cannot have the slightest expert knowledge.

Instead of doing that, it has, in effect, put the destinies of opera in this country in the hands of Colonel Blois. Has he all the necessary qualifications for that stupendous duty? With all respect, and in all personal friendliness, he has not yet proved himself to possess them. He has done his work well according to his lights; but if I am asked to give a certificate of unlimited approval to the brilliancy of those lights I shall be compelled to decline. So far from Covent Garden, in recent years, having been a model of what opera should be, it has been, in many respects, a painful demonstration of what opera should not be.

An Essential Question.

Before the Treasury money is granted, there is one point, among others, on which the public should be enlightened. In his announcement to the House, Mr. Snowden said that £5,000 would be given to the Syndicate "for the last quarter of the current year." If I am wrong in my reading of this—that the £5,000 is to pay the losses of the Syndicate during the last few months—I shall be glad to be corrected. I am not sanguine that Mr. Szarvasy will supply us with the information desired. But there is a place in which an answer to the question can be insisted on; and I hope some member of the House will ask Mr. Snowden (or the Postmaster-General) for an unequivocal reply to the question whether this £5,000 is intended to reimburse the Syndicate for losses in the running of what, at the time the losses were incurred, was a purely private operatic venture. If it is, the situation is an extraordinary one; and in that case we shall be curious to know why the Government thought it consistent with its duty to the country to come, with £5,000 of public money, to the rescue of a private concern that had not made a financial success of its business. I may be wrong in my assumption, but it seems to be supported by the remark alleged to have been made by Mrs. Snowden to the effect that she believed "that there would have been no grand season this [i.e., next] year if some definite offer of this kind had not come about."

The Alternatives.

All this suggests that the Syndicate, at the time the secret negotiations were going on, was not rolling in wealth of its own, which, if that be the case, makes its claim to be put in a position to be given public money and to become the arbiter of the operatic destinies of this country a little hard to understand. I suggest that the Government, which has tried to do an indefensible thing in the most indefensible of ways, withdraw the offer of its grant pending further inquiry, or, failing that, that the House reject the vote. One of two things will then happen. Either the Syndicate will run next year's international season at its own expense (or with private assistance from some of its supporting bodies, in which case the matter automatically ceases to be one for public curiosity), or the season will "collapse."

In the latter case we shall have had the answer to, at any rate, one of the queries put in my article of last Sunday. It will be regrettable if we are deprived of next year's season, but, at any rate, we shall all know where we are. An utterly unwarrantable use of public money will have been avoided and we shall have escaped the danger of having the future of opera put into the keeping of an institution that has not given the smallest proof of its qualifications for that onerous task.

FOG OF DEATH LIFTS IN BELGIUM.

EXPERT VIEWS OF DREAD VISITATION IN VALLEY OF MEUSE.

PNEUMONIC EPIDEMIC.

65 DEAD AND SCORES OF PEOPLE STILL GRAVELY ILL.

Sixty-five persons are dead as a result of the mysterious fog which has visited the Belgian towns and villages in the valley of the Meuse.

Only one further death was reported yesterday, and it was believed that with the lifting of the fog the hours of terror were at an end. Some scores of people are still seriously ill—200, according to one report.

In their alarm, the inhabitants of the valley, one of the healthiest districts in Belgium, attributed the deaths to the effects of gases emitted by the local factories or to poison-gas left behind by the Germans.

Expert opinion, however, was inclined to the view that the intense fog was alone responsible for a pneumonic epidemic.

DUE SOLELY TO FOG.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S CONCLUSION.

BRUSSELS, Saturday night.

In a statement issued here to-night Dr. Timbal, the Director-General of Health, says that the mortality in the Liege district is due solely to the fog and that noxious gases were not mixed with the air.

As a proof of this he points out that children have not been affected, and that the majority of the adult victims were sufferers from heart or lung trouble.

He also calls attention to the fact that the chemicals which may have caused fatalities are carefully stored by the factories. The report also states that a previous epidemic among cattle in the Liege district was found to have been due to fog.

The judicial inquiry into the epidemic is continuing. It is not expected that there will be any increase in the death roll.—Reuter.

BRUSSELS, Saturday afternoon.

A reign of terror has prevailed in the villages such as has not been known since the days of the war. The victims of the malady have been caught with sudden pains in the throat and chest similar to the symptoms of soldiers gassed at the front during the war.

Sixty-five persons are dead, and scores are seriously ill The area is normally one of the most healthy in Belgium, and a low death rate prevails among the 4,000 inhabitants.—Reuter.

HOUSES SEALED.

TERROR IN THE MEUSE VALLEY.

BRUSSELS, Saturday.

Alarming rumours spread through the Meuse valley as death after death was reported yesterday. Many people became convinced that poison gas was leaking from some hidden war-time store and impregnating the thick fog which penetrated every nook of the valley.

People locked themselves in their homes, sealing the doors and windows, to escape from the fog terror, but still deaths were reported.

The part of the Valley where the deaths have taken place, near Liége, and at Jemeppe, Flémalle Haute, and Flémalle Grande, is crowded with factories, chiefly steel factories, and with coal mines.

The district near Engis, where the first fatalities were reported, is less industrialised, but there are copper and other factories there.

The valley is from 350 to 600 yards wide, with hills rising to as much as 400 feet on either side. Dense fogs, accompanied by extreme cold, are often experienced. Nothing like the present succession of deaths has ever before been experienced.

Cattle Slaughtered.

Cattle suffering from the effects of the fog have been slaughtered in the fields. Animals which have so far escaped the effects of the fog are being moved out of the danger area.

Most of the people who lost their lives are said to be adults between the ages of 30 and 70. Those disposed to asthma were particularly affected.

According to the police at Engis, the epidemic appears to have passed with the lifting of the fog yesterday afternoon. A graphic description of the hours of terror was given by the officer in charge of the Commissariat of Police.

"All the little towns in this region have been panic-stricken," he said, "and people have been afraid to leave their houses even to buy food. They have shut their windows against the death-dealing fog, and have placed themselves on short rations to eke out the supplies in their larders."—British United Press.

EMIGRANT TRAFFIC MONOPOLY.

POLAND SHUTS OUT BRITISH AND OTHER SHIPS.

WARSAW, Saturday.

A Presidential decree was issued to-night making it obligatory for all Polish emigrants to sail from the Polish port of Gdynia by direct routes. This will presumably preclude British, French, and American ships from carrying them, as the loss of time and additional expense of calling at that port would be prohibitive.

The decree had been foreshadowed, and it therefore appears that the representations of the British, French, and American Ambassadors to the Polish Foreign Office have been without avail.

The measure is designed to give a monopoly of the emigrant traffic to the new Polish transatlantic line.—Exchange.

LONDON MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

EXPERTS' WARNING.

So far as opinions could be formed from the reports available, medical and scientific opinion in London yesterday was inclined to the view that a pneumonic or influenzal epidemic was responsible for the deaths. It was conceded that chemical effluents might have accentuated the effects of the fog.

In this regard, it should be pointed out that Professor J. B. S. Haldane was made to refer to "bubonic" plague as the result of a mishearing. His theory was that the deaths were due to a "pneumonic plague." The Professor explained that when he spoke of pneumonic plague he was putting that disease forward as an example of the type of infection which might cause the outbreak.

The possibility that similar circumstances as those which prevailed in the Meuse valley might create a similar situation in London or other English cities was discussed by Dr. J. S. Owens, an expert in atmospheric pollution attached to the Air Ministry. He said that in this factory region still air and temperature changes might have prevented the escape of fumes and gases.

"At present," he explained, "all factories discharge their fuel gases at a high temperature, and the hot gases are able to rise. If the gases were discharged at a lower temperature they would remain in the air, as they can only move upwards or laterally.

"It is possible, therefore, that one might hear of deaths from fumes in our cities in the near future if gases are expelled at a lower temperature and cannot be disposed of. All the materials that go to make a fog are produced every day in London. If there is no wind, the fumes and gases cannot be dispelled, and we get a fog."

Virulent Influenza.

An official of the Hospital for Tropical Diseases remarked that it appeared that the cause of the deaths might easily be a peculiarly devastating form of influenza. Local conditions might create a type of epidemic of which no knowledge existed.

"The suggestion has been made that, owing to the fog, poisonous gases from the factory chimneys in the Liége district have been unable to rise, and by gathering in pockets have suffocated people susceptible to bronchial trouble. I doubt very much whether such chemical effluents would in themselves be sufficient to cause death. It seems quite feasible, however, that they would aggravate a particularly virulent epidemic of influenza."

AFTER THREE DAYS OF FOG.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

After three days of groping in obscurity, Southern and Midland England came out of the fog last night.

Reports received at the Air Ministry showed that the fog was at last lifting everywhere except over the Thames Estuary, where the congestion of idle shipping was stated to be unprecedented.

"The outlook for to-morrow is much brighter," a weather expert stated. "There may be mist in the morning, but after that it is likely to be much clearer. It will also be milder."

During the afternoon conditions were bad in many suburbs, including Highbury, where the football match between the Arsenal and Grimsby had to be abandoned in the second half.

Cecil Hockley and Samuel Bailey, the two Deal lads for whom boatmen were still searching the Channel, as they were believed to have lost their way in Friday night's fog, rowed ashore at Deal yesterday after spending the night in a fog-bound steamer. They expressed great surprise that so much anxiety should have been felt for their safety.

An elderly man found dead in a waiting-room at Southfields Station yesterday was identified as James Henry Leaper, 74, of Engadine Street, Wandsworth. Death is stated to have been due to heart failure following intense cold.

In the Thames Estuary there was a slight improvement at night, but the atmosphere did not clear sufficiently to allow some of the bigger liners to move from their anchorage. It was estimated that there were at least 400 boats, big and small, in the river, and in some places they had hardly room enough in which to turn round.

On the smaller boats the food question had become acute, and motor-boats from Gravesend had a very profitable time taking supplies to the marooned craft. Nearly 100 motor-boats were so engaged during the day.

The Orient liner Orvieto, which should have docked on Thursday morning from Australia, was still held up in the river last night. Another Orient liner, the Ormonde, due to sail for Australia, decided to remain in dock until to-day. The P. and O. Randura, from Bombay, and the Blue Star Andalusia Star, from South America, were also still held up.

THE MOSLEY MANIFESTO.

EMERGENCY POLICY OUTLINED.

CABINET OF FIVE.

The manifesto drawn up by Sir Oswald Mosley and seventeen other Labour M.P.s was issued yesterday. Its chief points are:—

- An Emergency Cabinet of not more than five Ministers with power to carry through an emergency policy;
- A national planning organisation to assist in the development of new industries and the modernisation and re-equipment of industry;
- Import control board for foodstuffs, guaranteed price for agricultural products and protection for consumers against unfair prices;
- Commodity board with either licence or tariff for the control of imported manufactures;
- Trade agreements with the Dominions;
- Capital expenditure on an ambitious short term policy of constructive works;
- Creation of a public utility organisation to turn out houses and building materials in the same way as munitions were turned out during the war;
- Some postponement, until reconstruction, of the repayment of War Debt.

The text of the manifesto is given on page 20.

U.S. INVITATION TO THE PRINCE.

LEGION CONGRESS PROPOSAL.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

It is understood that the American Legion has arranged, through the State Department, to invite the Prince of Wales to attend the next American Legion Convention in Detroit in October, 1931.

National Legion Commander Ralph O'Neill, with the assistance of Senator Capper, of Kansas, will arrange the preliminaries of the convention with Mr. Stimson, Secretary of State, and Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador.—Exchange.

NO CHRISTMAS TRIP TO NATIVE LAND.

U.S.A. AND FOREIGNERS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Thousands of foreign residents in the United States who planned to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays in their native lands have been forced to cancel their passages through inability to obtain re-entry permits from the Department of Immigration. Seventy-five reservations in the liner Paris, which sailed last night, were withdrawn for this reason.

Government officials explain that because of the unemployment situation here, unusual care is being taken in granting re-entry permits to prevent aliens who have entered the country illegally from returning. Examination of the records now requires many weeks instead of the normal two or three weeks. Re-entry permits are not essential for returning foreigners, but few care to venture abroad nowadays without them. The steamship companies have lodged earnest protests at Washington, but without apparent effect.

Before the fiscal year ends next June, the State Department estimates, 135,000 aliens will have been prevented from entering the United States as a result of Mr. Hoover's plan for temporarily halting immigration, and through Consular refusals to grant visas to immigrants who might become public charges. This new immigration policy was adopted as a result of the plea by union labour officials that all general immigration should be halted until unemployment showed signs of decreasing.

MR. GRAHAM'S NEW YEAR HOPES.

BETTER TRADE SIGNS.

Mr. Graham, President of the Board of Trade, speaking at Saltburn last night, said that they might ask him if he saw any signs, in the light of official or other figures, of any arrest of the downward movement in commodity prices.

"I think there are signs of a beneficial change," he said. "During recent months many people have said again and again that they thought they saw a promise of the dawn and have been disappointed. I still think there is a little more hope to-day than there was a month ago.

"I think at the opening part of next year we should see a steady if slow reduction in our unemployed total. But we in Great Britain cannot bring about that change because we are linked up to a great world system of industry and commerce."

The remainder of the speech is reported on page 16.

LORD DARLING 81.

GENTLE RETORT TO THE CRITICS.

Lord Darling, on the occasion of his 81st birthday, was entertained last night by the Savage Club at their annual dinner in London.

Replying to the toast of his health, proposed by Mr. A. P. Herbert, Lord Darling said that it had been said that he could carry his head very high in any company except that of lawyers.

He had never made it his exclusive business when he wanted relaxation to pass his time in the company of lawyers. To the public at large, barristers and judges were never spoken of as lawyers—a fact of which they were very proud. (Laughter.) A lawyer was generally spoken of in terms of moderate affection by people to whom he sent in a bill. (Laughter.)

Lord Darling said that a great many of the most painful things in life were not true. Much of the fiction written to-day he could not read. He supposed the critics read these works of fiction, but he had some doubt about that because they always praised them.

There was scarcely a schoolgirl writer to-day whom he did not see hailed as a lineal successor to Fielding, Smollett and Paul de Kock. So he would say seriously that there was a great deal of good in a little levity.

SIR THOMAS TO TRY AGAIN.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Sir Thomas Lipton, who sailed to-day on board the Leviathan, said he intended to try again to win the America's Cup.—Exchange.

CLOSING SCENES IN OGPU TRIAL.

THE TYBURN TOUCH IN RED MOSCOW.

MERCY—AND MONEY

SENTENCE TO BE PASSED TO-DAY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MOSCOW, Saturday.

The "Red" High Court adjourned at noon to-day until six p.m. to-morrow, when the President, Vishinsky, whose rôle so far has been mainly passive, will read the verdict and sentences in the trial of the eight professors and engineers who are charged with treasonable practices against the Soviet.

Last night and again this morning, after Krilenko, the Public Prosecutor, amid the joyous roarings of an audience which was certainly not better but more fanatic than the average murder trial audience, had shouted "Shoot 'em All," the accused had their "last words," which, according to the old Russian custom, were respectfully listened to by the Court.

It made me think of other last words on Tyburn Hill. More than other white peoples, these Russians, with their semi-Oriental history and recent serfdom, have a profound congenital feeling for the might of Government as such, and also for what Joseph Conrad called their "cynicism of numbers"—the feeling that they form a part and so are quite naturally crushed by their own teeming faceless fellow-crowd.

"BROKEN NERVES."

Can 150,000,000 Russians—now called Workers and Peasants—be wrong? There was much of that and of broken nerves in these last statements. Much too of the desire to leave a last rounded-off account of oneself—the artistic element we find also on Tyburn, but stronger in the Russian nature.

But, unlike the Tyburn men, they are not yet sentenced, and so may still win a reprieve. So their declarations have been a queer blend of what their lives and their feelings about life have been, and then not only a confession of guilt and readiness to be the willing instrument of the proletariat henceforth, but also "*of error*"—they all said while in prison they had learned to believe in the Five-Year Plan and the invincibility of the proletarian dictatorship. Professor Ramzin—the one outstanding strong character here—made a perfectly quiet and clear analysis of what he had hitherto thought of the Soviet's chances; then made a semi-theological retraction. Young Ochkin, Ramzin's secretary, of the sombre equivocal Slav type, with sunken, hunted eyes, was obviously fascinated with the feeling of death, but he did not at this eleventh hour accept Krilenko's stern invitation to come across with the confession that he had taken some of this fabulous sum of mysterious foreign gold, and we all wonder into what pockets or coffers it found its way.

DEATH OR REPRIEVE?

Poor old, half-blind Professor Feodotov recalled in endless reminiscence how he earned his living. From the age of 13 he kept his young brothers—all these gifted people of what we should call lower-class origin: Krilenko used this to make the Bolsheviks' flesh creep as to the extent of the present disaffection. The Professor was a liberal friend of the workers under the old regime, keeping close in touch with them, and advocating the eight-hours' day, etc.

Sitnin and Kuprianov, of the Textile syndicate, made short dignified statements, placing their lives at the Court's disposal. They were entirely unpolitical, but, like old Feodotov—of whom Krilenko said that his greatest crime was to take English pounds—they do bring some real identified money from abroad into the open sessions of this Court. They confessed to accepting presents from British and American firms after placing cotton orders, and thus, through old Feodotov, the "cotton expert," they link up recent disasters in the Soviet cotton industry with the "Central Committee of the Industrial Party." In their last words in Court they expressed their repentance for the crimes they said they had committed, and declared that they deserved the extreme penalty. They assured the Court, however, that should their lives be spared they would endeavour to expiate their offences by honest work.

The rumour runs in Moscow that all will be reprieved owing to their voluntary confessions. This is possible, but such rumours were spread at most of those admonitory trials I have attended.

The rumour this time is perhaps due to the way in which Krilenko, instead of worrying the prisoners to death, has, on the contrary, neglected not only to provoke them, but even to follow up many hot scents provided by the statements both of prisoners and of witnesses. One had sometimes the impression that, if driven too much, the prisoners would have refused to take any further part in the trial.

Nevertheless, in view of the vast, if vague, enormity of the confessions made, it seems impossible that they will not be sentenced to death.

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POLITICAL NOTES

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LIBERALS.

WHY THEY WILL HANG TOGETHER.

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

The lying jade has been busy in political circles during the past week, and all sorts of stories have been in circulation. One had it that important changes were pending in the Cabinet, and that members of other political parties were to be invited to join in order to form a national Government; another, that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, having reached the topmost rung of the ladder at home, was contemplating a dramatic new adventure as successor to Lord Irwin. Both canards were unworthy of a moment's credence, but they were discussed seriously in some quarters.

The outstanding factor in the political situation is the Prime Minister's change of attitude towards the Liberals. There has been no change of heart; he would still view their disappearance from the political firmament as his crowning blessing; but he has been forced reluctantly to the conclusion that without their assistance he has no stable position for parliamentary effort, and so he has become not more amiable but more accommodating to Mr. Lloyd George and his following. His rank and file have come round to the same view, for they know that if they went to the country in the midst of industrial depression, the probability is that the Conservatives would come back, if not with an adequate majority, at the least as the strongest by far of the three parties. Of course, the Liberals, for their part, are willing enough to do anything to put off an event that may spell their practical extinction.

With both parties thus resolved to carry on, and with a sop given to the Liberals in the shape of electoral reform, most of the other difficulties of the Government, including even the amendment of the Trades Disputes Act, may be much easier of arrangement. Admittedly amendment of the Trades Disputes Act is a stiff fence, but it is thought that the second reading will not prove unduly difficult; and that in a necessarily prolonged committee stage the clauses will be hammered out with the largest measure of co-operation and with a Government desire to reach agreement rather than to make anything a vote of confidence.

The Alternative Vote.

The promised Electoral Bill will, as indicated by Mr. Lloyd George on Friday, have the alternative vote as its comfort for the Liberals, together with provisions dealing with certain election practices. It is doubtful whether the Bill has as yet been drafted, but it appears to be assumed that the Lords will throw it out, and that in order to get it through under the Parliament Act the Liberals may be compelled to give their support to Labour for at least two years. But is it so sure that the Lords will reject the alternative vote? Conservatives generally dislike the idea, but it remains to be seen whether they would lose seats by it, and evidently L.G. does not feel very hopeful of its value to his party.

Sir Oswald Mosley.

Sir Oswald Mosley's bid for Labour's leadership does not make progress. Mr. Maxton will not walk with him, and the rank and file are for the most part suspicious of any leadership by the intelligentsia, the ugly word which they invariably apply to people who set out to tell them how to run their business. The Government accordingly believe that discussion of the Mosley proposals will be nothing more than an agreeable Parliamentary divertissement, appropriately staged on the eve of Christmas.

The Coal Position.

The Government continue their efforts in industrial reorganisation, but, I am informed, everywhere with very great difficulty. They firmly believe that having regard to the decision of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain there should be peace on the spreadover basis for a considerable period in the coalfields, and that Scotland can be brought into line. Much more anxiety attaches to July next, when the 1926 Act expires and all districts revert to the seven-hours per day plus one winding time. It is now recognised that coal cannot rely much on a general improvement in industrial conditions; that in many cases long forward contracts were made before and during the passage of the Coal Mines Act which will preclude additional revenue until well into the coming year; and that although the district allocations under the Act have in all cases been completed it is doubtful whether they will bring additional revenue until the late summer or autumn of 1931. In that event the transition to the seven-hours day would be dangerous.

I gather that in the coming months every effort will be made to get the Mining Association and the Miners' Federation together for the purpose of reviewing the whole position of the industry and working out such a solution as will be generally acceptable in the interests of coal peace. To some extent this will be bound up with effort in the international field. The owners have always recognised that that is the desirable course to pursue, though the dilatoriness of Geneva makes them, and others, very sceptical of definite action.

The Dyestuffs Act.

Ministers profess themselves satisfied that there will be no dislocation when the Dyestuffs Act lapses on the fourteenth of next month. They admit, however, that the industry put up a powerful case when it offered to supply users with dyes in proper variety and quality at the Continental price, and agreed that if this condition was not completely fulfilled, the Continental supply should be immediately admitted. Of course, if such an offer can be made, it suggests the industry need have no fear of European competition, but the danger, I understand, is not so much dumping from the Continent as from America. No specific information on this point is yet available, but it is rumoured that United States supplies have already arrived in this country in anticipation of the lapsing of the Act.

This raises sharply the question put by both Unionist and Labour members of Government action in the event of any considerable dumping, for their strict adherence to Free Trade doctrine seems to bar them from any effective action such as retaliation. In short, the Government are faced with a very difficult problem, for though the actuality of the "dumping" may not be great, the advent of even a small amount at a cutting price has an adverse psychological effect on the market.

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THE FRENCH CRISIS.

M. BARTHOU TRYING TO FORM A MINISTRY.

M. POINCARÉ'S REFUSAL.

BY DAVID H. LOCH.

PARIS, Saturday.

M. Louis Barthou has accepted President Doumergue's invitation to form a Government in succession to that of M. Tardieu.

He began his task late in the afternoon by consulting the President of the Senate, after which he had interviews with M. Poincaré, M. Tardieu, and M. Briand. He hopes to submit a Cabinet to the President before noon to-morrow.

French hopes are placed on his success in establishing what is described as a "Ministry of Concentration," relying for its strength on the Moderate elements of both Left and Right, so that the orientation will be obviously more to the Left than that of M. Tardieu's Ministry. It is understood that M. Briand and M. Tardieu have promised conditional support. Negotiations are now taking place with MM. Deladier and Chautemps.

M. Barthou is a Senator of the centre, and he abstained from voting in Thursday's crucial division. He is one of France's innumerable ex-Prime Ministers, and has held many high offices.

M. Barthou was summoned to the Elysée following an unsuccessful appeal to M. Poincaré. It is understood that M. Doumergue made a very insistent call to M. Poincaré's public spirit, but the latter felt bound to decline the responsibility on grounds of health.

Although he is actively engaged on literary work—the sixth volume of his memoirs is on the eve of publication—and is well able to fulfil his duties as Senator, M. Poincaré does not consider it possible to take up again the burdens of the Premiership.

All day M. Poincaré's name was on everyone's lips as the one man who could form a stable Government within twenty-four hours, and the earnest efforts which have been made to persuade him to undertake office show clearly the difficulty of finding a successor to M. Tardieu, as it was generally known that M. Poincaré did not wish to enter the political arena meantime, preferring to leave the field to younger men.

A DIFFICULT SITUATION.

M. Tardieu was overthrown after being, for all practical purposes, in office just over a year, and his fall creates what may prove to be a very difficult situation. It is true that in February there was a short interregnum, when, after being defeated in the Chamber, the Radical M. Chautemps took his place. But the latter's Government was totally unable to survive, and after a few days M. Tardieu returned and resumed his policy where he had left it.

As it happened in the Senate, M. Tardieu's defeat on Thursday was something out of the ordinary. Constitutionally, of course, the Cabinet is responsible both to Senate and Chamber, and the former has an equal right with the latter to get rid of a Government of which it disapproves. But in spite of this some eminent French politicians have held that the maintenance or overthrow of a Government does not enter in practice into that Assembly's attributes. This view, however, is not that of M. Tardieu, who on Thursday went knowingly into the decisive battle of the Luxembourg, and definitely invited the Senate to give a clear vote.

Still, it is rare that this body administers the *coup de grâce* to a Government. The last example was when it brought down M. Herriot in 1925, and in the preceding fifty-five years of the Republic's life it has done so only on two or three occasions.

AGE AND YOUTH.

According to all the rules of the game M. Tardieu, having been defeated by a majority in which the Radical Socialists provided 125 out of 147 votes cast against him, the natural course would be for the President of the Republic to entrust a new Government to a Radical Socialist. But were such a Cabinet formed, could it survive the Chamber? The solution which is advocated on all sides is that of a combination of Centre and Left to be known as the "Concentration." But the fact that in order to give a Ministry a stable majority the Radical Socialists, Left Centre, and kindred groups, would require support either from the Socialists or from the Right Centre, puts many difficulties in the way of such a solution, unless a man can be found who by his personality is able to amalgamate seemingly opposing forces.

This is precisely where M. Poincaré could play an almost unique part, and this is why the fact that his health makes it seemingly impossible for him to do so is much regretted.

M. Tardieu's defeat might perhaps be regarded as the triumph of age over youth. For although something over 50, M. Tardieu is young, as French politicians go, and possesses energy, initiative, and a modern outlook on the world, much of which he knows from personal acquaintance. He has never been popular at the Luxembourg, where some Senators are perhaps inclined to think that he did not treat the Upper Assembly with all the consideration due to its dignity. But this is not the real cause of his fall, the reasons for which are worth examining as demonstrating the present political situation.

RADICALS AND POWER.

When M. Tardieu formed his Cabinet, he invited the Radicals to join him. They refused. Having thus put themselves in opposition, their one idea has been to get back to power. This desire has grown keener as time has passed, since in 1932 the General Elections are due. The Radicals know that they cannot by themselves form a Government, and that the old formula of a Left Cartel is probably impracticable.

Yet they want some form of Government in which the Ministry of the Interior, so much coveted alike by Right and Left on account of its influence throughout the country, would come back into their possession, in which, until its occupancy by M. Tardieu, it had been for so many years.

Although it was by their own doing that the Radicals were excluded from M. Tardieu's Government, they have never ceased making him responsible for division among "Republicans" and inveighing against him for heading a Government of the Right. This explains another cause of their discontent. Firm supporters of M. Briand's foreign policy of conciliation, they have regarded the latter as hampered by his service under M. Tardieu, whom they consider tainted with Nationalistic tendencies.

It has also been exceedingly disagreeable for them to have to vote—as they consider it necessary for electoral reasons—against M. Briand because he formed a part of the Tardieu team. While now ready to enter into a combination of parties, they have to hold that this is precluded by M. Tardieu.

THE OUSTRIC SCANDALS.

These, roughly, are the basic reasons why, ever since the session opened, M. Tardieu has been so incessantly harried by the Opposition that practically no constructive work has yet been accomplished by the Chamber. Yet the Left were certainly assisted in the accomplishment of their purpose by the Oustric crash.

Charges, not yet proved, have been brought against certain members of the late Cabinet on account of their alleged connection with the financier, and, unfortunately for M. Tardieu, after covering M. Raoul Perret, his Minister of Justice, in the Chamber, the latter found it necessary to resign. This greatly weakened the Government's position, which was further enfeebled by the subsequent resignation, a week later, of two Under-Secretaries on the same ground.

It must be realised that the Oustric failure has created a very disagreeable atmosphere, as all kinds of suspicions and rumours are circulating in connection with it. But that is not the only reason why it helped to bring about M. Tardieu's fall. As he himself pointed out in the Senate, the people of England did not interpellate Mr. Snowden after the Hatry crash. But France takes these things differently.

Frenchmen speculate, but when speculations turn out badly they regard it as a natural come-down of the Government for having failed to protect them.

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THE LIGHT OF TOC H.

HOW IT CAME BACK TO LONDON.

THE PRINCE AND LEADERSHIP.

STIRRING MESSAGE.

By A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

Ten thousand London members of Toc H—that noble movement of fellowship and service which began at Talbot House at Poperinghe in the darkest days of the war—celebrated at the Albert Hall last night a notable birthday festival.

They welcomed back to London the "Flanders Flame," which had encircled the earth during the previous twenty-four hours, they received from the Prince of Wales a stirring call to leadership, and they celebrated once again the moving and beautiful ceremony of "Light" in memory of Elder Brethren who came not back from their war.

The Flanders Flame had been kindled on Friday night in the Upper Room which was used as a chapel of the original Talbot House, and when it was lit there began a chain of light which flashed round the globe and linked up Toc H. Branches and groups in every continent. The light travelled westward, was taken up in the British Isles, crossed the Atlantic to Canada and the United States, and passed on to the Argentine and Brazil. Then it completed the circuit by way of New Zealand and Australia, the Far and Middle East, India, Africa, Berlin, and Brussels. And so the flame came home to the Albert Hall, where the lamp given by the Prince of Wales was used to light the London lamps for the ceremony of light.

WOMEN HELPERS.

Previously the men of Toc H—and the women who are members of the associated League of Women Helpers—had joined in one of those mixed programmes of devotion and cheerful comradeship that are characteristic of the movement.

First the Welsh Guards' band led the company—packed to the fog-obscured roof—in familiar "Toc H" songs—"All thro' the Night," "The British Grenadiers," and so on—and there was interspersed a great reception for the returning pilgrims who, headed by the Founder-Padre, "Tubby" Clayton, had lit the Lamp of Maintenance at Poperinghe.

Then everyone sang James Elroy Flecker's version of the National Anthem:—

"God Save our Gracious King,
Nation and State and King,
God Save the King!
Grant him the Peace divine,
But if his wars be Thine,
Flash on our fighting line,
Victory's Wing!"

Mr. Harry Willink, the chairman of the London Area Executive of the movement, who acted as "Guest Night Leader," welcomed the guests, including the American Ambassador, representatives of the German and Belgian Embassies, and Lord Stonehaven.

"Our units at home have increased from 457 to 570 during this year," said Mr. Willink, "and those overseas from 136 to 233. These figures show that the world both needs and wants Toc H." He mentioned that the units in London had increased from 88 to 102, and explained how the growth of the movement had necessitated this year separate birthday festivals in London and provincial centres, instead of one big combined festival, as heretofore.

Professor Albert A. Cock, of University College, Southampton, said that Toc H had spread its light throughout the world because of its power to overcome hate.

THE PRINCE'S GREETINGS.

The festival was now approaching its more splendid moments. The beloved "Tubby," greeted with a great roar of cheering, stepped to the microphone to broadcast to the world the message of the movement's patron, the Prince of Wales, who was at Eton.

"Although I cannot be present at the Albert Hall," wrote the Prince, "I send my birthday greetings to every member of the Family.

"The light which shone so steadily in the great darkness of the war means too much to be lost; and it is wonderful to think that last night in the old upper room at Poperinghe it should have been re-lit, and since then travelled right round the world, forming a chain of lamps and rushlights steadily maintained by our fellow-members.

"When at the Albert Hall to-night this chain of light is completed, I would have every member realise that to be worthy of it he must put duty first. There is much the younger men can do to help the world if only they will do it, and do it now.

"Many years after a great war, one shortage at least still continues, that is the loss of leadership. It is to help in finding and inspiring leadership that Toc H seems to me so significant; and those who would be leaders must learn to lead through fellowship and service.

SENSE OF PURPOSE.

"I welcome the solid growth accomplished—new areas of influence, new districts opened up, new work in town and country, new marks, new branches, new groups. I welcome all the deepening sense of purpose pervading Toc H and every hard-won struggle to improve the structure and the spirit of the movement.

"Toc H is now so widely known that we must be determined that wherever it is known it shall be regarded as sound, true, and serviceable. If Toc H remains, as I believe it will, true to its fundamental principles, no one can doubt its value for the future. Let every member ask himself to-night whether there is a way in which he can even more loyally fulfil his personal commitment to Toc H and to the ideals for which it stands."

"Live out the message of the Prince," commented Mr. Clayton, "and you won't go far wrong. Only the younger men can build the new age better. Make good, do good; that is your code."

The ceremony of Light was introduced by the opening bars of "The Creation." Then the lamps, rushlights, and banners of the London units were carried slowly through the hall while the company sang "Thro' the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" and Cyril Alington's "The Inheritance," the latter sung to the lovely Londonderry air.

THE MINUTE OF SILENCE.

Lord Wakefield of Hythe, to whom the movement is mainly indebted for the restoration and re-opening within the past twelvemonth of the old house at Poperinghe, lit the first lamps of maintenance with a taper kindled from the Prince's lamp.

When all were lit the hall was plunged into darkness, and only the pin-points of light that represented the London branches twinkled and glowed from the centre of the arena as Mr. Clayton spoke the words of Remembrance and Self-Dedication, and the Minute of Silence was observed.

Then followed the stirring march tune of the "Battle Hymn" ("Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord"), and so the guest night wore on to its appointed end. More music, instrumental and vocal, and choral; a "home-going talk" by Mr. Clayton; Purcell's serene Evening Hymn, Family Prayers, the Blessing, "Jerusalem"—and so home through the winter night.

During the evening Lord Wakefield, as a tribute of gratitude for the purchase, restoration and endowment of Talbot House, was presented with a gold ring recently found in the offertory box at the House.

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CHANGING LONDON.

[*Specially drawn for the* SUNDAY TIMES *by Hanslip Fletcher.*

The heart of the new site for London University. The picture shows the east side of Torrington Square, W.C. In a few years it will have made way for some of the new buildings now under discussion—perhaps for the University Library, or the Students' Union, or London Day Training College, or Birkbeck, although no one knows as yet what the final lay out will be.

NEXT YEAR'S AIR RACE.

BRITAIN AND SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

DECISION TO-MORROW.

BY OUR AIR CORRESPONDENT.

To-morrow the final decision will be made by the Air Ministry on the long-debated subject of next year's Schneider Trophy Race and the part to be taken by the British Government.

A conference is to take place between members of the Schneider Trophy racing committee of the Royal Aero Club and certain high officials of the Ministry—including, probably, the Chief of Air Staff Sir John Salmond. The matter is to be reopened, and the Air Ministry will make known whether they are prepared entirely to reverse their decision to take no official part in the defence of the trophy. If Britain should again win the trophy next year it would end the Schneider contests for good, for the trophy, presented in 1913 by Jacques Schneider, would then become Britain's permanent property.

At first the Air Ministry stated that they would take no official part in the 1931 race. Then they consented to lend the four Supermarine Rolls-Royce and Gloster-Napier racing machines for entry in the contest. Finally, it was understood that they were willing to give every help in the organisation of the trophy contest on the Solent, to lend the competitors the Calshot Air Station, and tenders for the racing seaplanes.

I now understand on the highest authority that the intention is that the Ministry should also supply the pilots for the race. This is the last move that could be made towards an official entry in the race.

Three of the Aero Club officials who are to attend to-morrow's conference are Colonel O'Gorman, chairman of the racing committee; Mr. H. T. Vane, also a member of the committee and a director of the Napier Aero Engine Company; and Commander Perren, secretary of the R.Ae.C.

COLONEL KILLED ON RAILWAY.

OPEN INQUEST VERDICT.

An open verdict was returned yesterday at an inquest on Colonel George Francis Henry Le Breton-Simmons (66), of Gilbury, Lostwithiel, who was found decapitated on the Lostwithiel-Fowey railway line on Friday.

Dr. Rudge said the Colonel had complained of attacks of dizziness, and might have had an attack while walking along the line, causing him to fall. There was no evidence of financial or other worries.

Colonel Le Breton-Simmons retired from the Army in 1919, after a distinguished career in the Royal Engineers. He was at one time C.R.E., Malta, and during the war organised the South Scottish Coast defences. He was awarded the C.B., and was twice mentioned in despatches.

LATE NEWS

300 CHINESE DROWNED.

A British United Press message from Hankow last night stated that 300 passengers and crew in the river steamer Sien Tao, were drowned when the vessel which was heavily laden, foundered in a storm between Hankow and Changsha on the Yangtse-kiang.

There were only five survivors

BAN ON BERLIN'S BANQUETS.

PERSONAL WELCOME ONLY TO FOREIGNERS.

STRICT ECONOMY.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Berlin City Council issues a statement that during 1931 no lunches or banquets will be offered, as has been done heretofore by Berlin, as by other cities in this country and abroad to delegates to scientific and cultural congresses.

This decision has been forced on the city, it is announced, by the imperative necessity to economise in every possible direction, but the City Fathers add that they will always welcome gladly such conferences and congresses, and will have pleasure in greeting the delegates personally.

The Reichstag to-day by 293 votes to 253 declined the motion for the cancellation of the decree enforcing the Government's reform programme. The motion of confidence put forward by the Nazis for tactical reasons was defeated by 65 votes.

SOVIET RADIO.

MOSCOW AND BRITISH PROTEST.

RIGA, Saturday.

Considerable indignation is expressed in Soviet circles at the British protest against Soviet wireless propaganda broadcast in the English language.

M. Litvinoff is formulating an official reply, but in the meantime denies the broadcasting of anti-British propaganda, and points out that no country on earth can reasonably object to the Soviet radio using foreign languages to inform foreign nations of the progress of the Five-Year Plan and other Soviet achievements, which anti-Soviet elements abroad are distorting.

In M. Litvinoff's opinion the British Government should feel flattered that the Soviet has taken the trouble to broadcast Soviet developments in English.—Exchange.

[It will be recalled that a recent Soviet broadcast, which, it was alleged, incited British working men to revolution, was the subject of a question in the House of Commons, and was followed by a protest on behalf of the Government through the British Ambassador in Moscow.]

AMATEURS' OWN THEATRE.

BOURNEMOUTH'S LEAD.

The foundation stone of Bournemouth's theatre, which is being built by the Bournemouth Amateur Dramatic and Orchestral Club for the almost exclusive use of local amateur dramatic and musical organisations, was laid yesterday by Lord Howard de Walden, President of the British Drama League.

The theatre is estimated to cost about £22,000, and is stated to be the first of its kind for amateurs in the country.

Referring to the great growth recently of the amateur dramatic movement, Lord Howard de Walden said that this was partly due to the fact that the amateur dramatic movement had been largely developed not as an art or profession, but on the lines of sport.

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

The world production of Ford cars and trucks in November amounted to 51,923, compared with 78,347 in October.

Musa Kajim Bey, formerly Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs, died yesterday in a sanatorium at Gratz, aged 49.

Mr. John Barrymore, the actor, who a fortnight ago became ill with jungle fever in Guatemala, has suffered a relapse in Los Angeles.

Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, former United States Secretary of State, left The Hague for Oslo to receive the Nobel Prize for Peace.

The provisional results of a general census in Denmark, taken on November 5, show the total population to be 3,542,210—an increase of 107,655 or 3.1 per cent. on the five-year period.

The parties of the Left lost seats in the municipal elections in Denmark on Thursday and Friday, as they did in the General Election of October, the Social-Democrats being overwhelmed nearly everywhere.

SIR JOHN SIMON.

Sir John Simon's next public speech will be in Spen Valley on Saturday.

UNDER-WORLD OF NEW YORK.

GANGSTERS' IMMUNITY.

SEVEN MAGISTRATES INVOLVED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The investigation of the New York City Magistrate's Court, with its sensational discloseures of police preying upon unfortunate women, has revealed also, according to Mr. Isadore Kresel, the special counsel conducting the inquiry, that Jack Diamond and other wealthy Broadway gangsters have been arrested innumerable times, seldom tried, and never convicted.

Kresel says he is determined to find out "how it was done," and he anticipates his probe into the records will involve the names of seven city magistrates. Diamond's record totals thirty arrests, and that of Larry Fay, now awaiting trial on charges of racketeering in the milk industry, almost fifty. In almost every instance the charge on which the two gangsters was held was dismissed by the magistrate before it ever got to the Grand Jury or the Trial Jury.

THE LATEST VICTIM.

The investigation of Public Prosecutor Crain to date shows that no fewer than fifty forms of rackets flourish in the city. A hundred different industries have been appealed to to send five representatives each to the Prosecutor's office to tell the Committee on Public Safety what they know of the workings of racketeering.

Last night the police found the body of the latest victim of racketeer warfare, Giuseppi Pizzigino, otherwise "The Hawk," known as the most sinister gang leader in the Brooklyn section of the city, was "taken for a ride." Eight months ago Hawk took over Gun Kingdom and boasted that no one was clever enough to put him "on the spot."

Hawk became wealthy from his blackmailing operations, kidnapping, alien smuggling, and latterly the grape racket. One bullet through his temple fired at close range ended the career of the guerilla chieftain.

BAD HOUSING AND CRIME.

LORD ADVOCATE'S VIEW.

Speaking from "inside knowledge," Mr. C. Aitchison, M.P., the Lord Advocate for Scotland, declared yesterday, at a conference of Ayrshire local authorities at Ayr, that the most serious crime in Scotland to-day was sexual crime.

So far as nine-tenths of it was concerned, it was almost directly due, he said, to the impossible conditions in which a section of the people of Scotland had to live.

Mr. Thomas Johnston, M.P., Under-Secretary for Scotland, explaining the new 1930 Housing Acts, said that under the scheme it would be possible to let houses of three and four apartments at rents which poor people could pay. The biggest problem of the slums was the large families, and local authorities could, if they chose, under the Acts, let houses of four, five, or six apartments at a lower rental than would be required for a two-apartment house.

BRISTOL ELECTION.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE CHOSEN.

For the Parliamentary vacancy in East Bristol, created by the death of Mr. Walter Baker, the Liberal Party have selected as their candidate Mr. Edward Baker, who was Liberal candidate for the Howdenshire division of Yorkshire at the last election and lost to the Conservative by only a few hundred votes. Mr. Baker is to address a meeting to-morrow, with a view to his adoption.

The Conservative Party are to decide on their candidate next week-end.

TRANSATLANTIC AIR MAILS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

A forecast of regular Transatlantic flights within the next decade, with the first mail routes via Greenland and Iceland, as well as via Bermuda and the Azores, and with floating aerodromes en route, was made by M. Anthony Fokker, the Dutch aircraft expert, who sailed from New York in the Bremen at midnight.

M. Fokker added that he hopes to become an American citizen within a year.—Exchange

SIR ERIC DRUMMOND.

LISBON, Saturday.

Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General to the League of Nations, arrived at Lisbon to-day on his way to Monte Video. He proceeded to the British Embassy where he will remain until his departure for Monte Video to-morrow.—Central News.

AN AFGHAN ROBIN HOOD.

TRAVELLERS' TALES FROM KABUL.

A NEW USURPER?

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

Though recent news of unrest in Afghanistan is constantly contradicted in official Afghan *communiqués*, these rumours from the frontier gather strength.

Now come stories from travellers from Kabul arriving at Peshawar that the young Uzbek Robin Hood named Ibrahim Beg, who has had a meteoric rise, has collected an armed following, estimated at from ten to sixteen thousand, from the dregs of various tribes, and has been giving trouble for several months. His forces are now concentrated at Khanabad, and it is said that Nadir Shah has sent a large force under a Field Marshal against him. An early conflict is expected, with the odds against the usurper.

Some accounts allege that Ibrahim's arms have been obtained through an outside agency.

The Afghan Legation in London stated yesterday that there is no foundation for these reports, nor is there any movement in Afghanistan against the present regime. "Peace and tranquillity continue in Afghanistan, and His Majesty King Nadir Shah enjoys perfect health."

29th LONDON REUNION.

APPEAL TO HELP OLD COMRADES.

The twelfth annual reunion dinner of the 29th Battalion City of London Regiment, Royal Fusiliers, the provisional battalion, which included units from all the City regiments, was held at Anderton's Hotel last night under the presidency of Colonel P. Carlebach.

The gathering was the largest which has been held since the war, and Captain C. A. King, the chairman of the battalion's Old Comrades' Association recently founded by Colonel Carlebach, made an appeal to all who had passed through its ranks to assist the large number of fellow-soldiers who had fallen on evil times.

Many, he said, were in need of work, and he hoped employers would do their best to utilise the services of London's soldiers who had answered their country's call in time of need.

The vice-chairman was Major A. E. Wood, the City Sword Bearer, and officers and men attended the gathering from all parts of the kingdom.

SOVIET EMBASSY TRAGEDY.

RUMOURS IN ROME.

ROME, Saturday.

The remains of M. Eugene Levine, the Secretary at the Soviet Embassy here, are still at the Embassy, and the police have been unable to investigate the matter.

It was at first said to be a case of suicide, but so many contradictory versions have been circulated that it is impossible to attach credence to any of them. One stated that M. Levine's suicide was due to disappointed love, another that it was because he had been recalled to Russia, and yet a third that it was not suicide at all, but that he had a quarrel with another member of the Embassy staff and a duel was fought.—Exchange.

AEROPLANE ON HOUSE

TWO R.A.F. MEN INJURED IN PALESTINE.

JERUSALEM, Saturday.

An R.A.F. aeroplane fell to-day on the roof of a house at a village near Ramleh Aerodrome.

The occupants of the machine, Squadron-Leader Thomas and Flying-officer Richards, were badly injured, but are reported to be progressing favourably in hospital.—Exchange.

PRISON FOR POLICEMAN.

Police-Constable Thomas Eric Price, 26, of Coventry City Police, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour at Atherstone yesterday for improper behaviour towards a woman. Another charge, in which the wife of a farmer made a complaint, was dismissed.

EXPLORERS IN TREE-TOPS.

OXFORD EXPEDITION TO BRITISH GUIANA.

19,000 SPECIMENS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD, Saturday.

From the Arctic to the tropics is a far cry, but it was because of the success of their expedition to Greenland that the members of the Oxford University Exploration Club decided to try their luck with British Guiana, and the result is referred to in the second annual report which has just been issued.

The party was in the bush for four months and secured more new specimens than any previous expedition.

"The aim was not primarily to explore unknown territory but to penetrate into the country of the tropical rain forest, which offered the prospect of discovering a zone of life practically untouched by science," states the report. "The obvious need for pushing observations into this tree-top zone had been realised but not exploited by previous investigators."

From a camp pitched two miles from Essambu, British Guiana, the party covered a considerable area, the work being carried out largely from observation-posts in the tops of the highest forest trees

Some difficulty was experienced in climbing the trees, and the heights at which the posts were finally established were 126 ft. for the bird watchers, and 135 ft. for the entomologists.

The collections brought back by the party include more than 10,000 insects, about 500 miscellaneous invertebrates, 4,000 sets of plants, 87 mammals, and over 200 reptiles and birds.

Speaking of the health of the camp, the report states there were only six cases of malaria, and the expedition proved definitely not only that it is possible for unacclimatised undergraduates to work in the rain-forests, but that the younger members of the party came off best.

A further expedition for Norwegian Lapland sailed in July, but their report is not yet to hand.

CIGARETTE CARD HOAX.

100,000 COLLECTION MADE IN VAIN.

Over 100,000 cigarette cards have been collected by Hampshire school children and teachers for a charitable object which they now learn has never existed.

They began their collection on hearing that a firm of manufacturers had offered an annuity to a Bournemouth boy, provided that he could collect 75,000 cigarette cards before Christmas. The boy was injured by a car when running into the roadway to pick up a cigarette card.

Inquiries, however, have now elicited that the firm knows nothing about any accident or any annuity. The disclosure is made after Botley has collected 50,000 cards, West End several thousand, Bishopstoke 18,000, and Eastleigh 30,000. Schools have also contributed from Bournemouth to Petersfield.

The hoax might have gone on for some time longer had not someone written to the cigarette firm, and received the reply on Friday night that the firm had no knowledge of the matter.

MR. GRAHAM ON TARIFFS.

WHY DYESTUFFS ACT MUST GO.

IRON AND STEEL REPORT.

LEAKAGE THROUGH A GERMAN PAPER.

Mr. Graham, President of the Board of Trade, spoke last night at Saltburn. His remarks regarding unemployment are reported on page fifteen.

Discussing the remedies of Labour's opponents for the industrial depression Mr. Graham said that to-day there was a feverish Protectionist campaign.

The Labour movement did not suggest that a permanent solution of the industrial problems could be found in Free Trade or Protection, but he was convinced that on the balance a policy of fiscal freedom was the better and safer policy for a great exporting country like Great Britain.

Referring to criticism that the report of the sub-committee of the Economic Advisory Council on iron and steel had not been published, Mr. Graham said: "We did not publish it because a large part of the evidence tendered to my Cabinet colleagues and the other members of the committee was given by representatives of the workers and the manufacturers in strict confidence and on the definite understanding that the evidence would not be published.

MYSTERY LEAKAGE.

"Those who know that passages of the report are based on that evidence have definitely requested the Government not to publish the report because of the disadvantage they would be placed at with their Continental and other competitors.

"The suggestion is that we withheld the report because it recommended a Tariff duty. There is no foundation for that statement. It is certain there has been a leakage through a German newspaper for which I cannot account. The report was supplied to certain representatives of the industry. It may have got out that way. I do not know. The Tariff on iron and steel would injure other industries depending on iron and steel as their raw materials.

"It is our desire to do our best for our industry and commerce, but it must be for all our industry and commerce."

DYES AND COMPETITION.

He could not imagine a better case for bringing out the difficulties of this problem than the dyestuffs industry. That industry was quite strong enough to withstand European competition because it could place its commodities on the market at European prices.

Here was the dyestuffs industry established. It employed directly in Great Britain between 7,000 and 8,000 people. It professed to be able to compete with European prices. On the other hand there were the cotton and woollen textile industries directly affecting from 750,000 to 1,000,000 people.

Representatives of those industries had represented to the Government that they had been handicapped in their markets by the restricting effect of the Dyestuffs Act and asked that the Act should not be renewed.

"So we have taken the larger view," said Mr. Graham, "without any danger to the dyestuffs industry, to help two of our great exporting industries that are in need of help."

The 8 Litre BENTLEY

"BENTLEY cars have such an enviable reputation that this new model is sure to attract great attention. It must not be forgotten, too, that in recent years no British manufacturer has had greater racing experience than the makers of this car, and I shall be very surprised if many of the lessons learnt in the stern field of competition have not been incorporated in this new chassis. Some people imagine that racing only teaches a maker how to make a fast car, but it should be remembered that speed without reliability in a long road race is useless. Whereas the ordinary man in the street may not require a 100 m.p.h. car he most certainly desires and insists on having reliability. If a firm such as Bentley's can obtain reliability at terrifically high speeds it is obviously a simple matter for them to retain this feature under ordinary road conditions. In addition, my experience has shown me that the handling of a car emanating from a factory which patronizes racing is a sheer delight, as compared with another which has not been so fortunately placed. There is a finesse and a degree of breeding in the former which the latter can never imitate."

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Court Circular.

SANDRINGHAM, Saturday.
Their Majesties' guests have left Sandringham.

ST. JAMES'S PALACE, S.W., Saturday.
The Prince of Wales, attended by Brig.-General G. F. Trotter, dined with the Provost and Fellows at Eton College this evening.

The Duke of York will visit the cattle show at the Royal Agricultural Hall to-morrow afternoon.

The Duchess of York will be present at the annual children's Christmas party of the St. Martin Association at Central Hall, Westminster, on December 20. On arrival her Royal Highness will inspect a guard of honour of limbless associates of St. Martin, and 3,000 limbless ex-Service men and their wives and children will be the audience.

Prince George will be the guest of honour at the Festival Dinner in aid of the Bedford College Extension and Endowment Fund Appeal, at Lincoln's Inn Hall, next Wednesday at half-past seven o'clock.

Princess Mary Countess of Harewood will be present at a matinée at the Theatre Royal, York, organised by Mr. Percy Hutchison in aid of the County Hospital, on Tuesday.

The Crown Prince of Sweden left London yesterday for Copenhagen.

The Maharajah of Patiala is paying a visit to Paris to consult his medical adviser, and will return to London about the middle of this week.

The Earl and Countess of Cavan arrived at 32, Princes Gardens, yesterday, from the country.

The Earl and Countess Grey will arrive this week at 33, Eaton Place, from Northumberland.

The Earl and Countess of Plymouth will leave 15, Hyde Park Gardens, for Redditch, on December 18.

The Earl of Rosse and Lady Bridget Parsons leave London this week for America.

Viscount D'Abernon will leave London on December 15 for Rome.

Lady Edward Spencer-Churchill will leave 28, Grosvenor Street, this week for Windsor.

Lady Seaforth is expected back to-morrow to 47, Berkeley Square, from Lydhurst, Haywards Heath.

Lady Alice Reyntiens will return this week to 81, Cadogan Square, from Dyneley, Burnley.

Lord Wolverton left 26, St. James's Place, yesterday, for abroad.

Lord Darling was 81 yesterday, Dr. Bertram Pollock (Bishop of Norwich) 67, and Sir Woodman Burbidge 58. Dr. Burrows (Bishop of Sheffield) will be 73 to-day, and Sir Robert Cockburn 69.

Sir Banister and Lady Fletcher will leave on December 19 for a cruise to the Mediterranean.

Sir Gerald and Lady Ryan left London yesterday for Colombo.

The birth of a son in London to Mrs. Bridgeman, the wife of the Hon. Geoffrey John Orlando Bridgeman, was announced yesterday. Mr. Bridgeman is the second of the three sons of Viscount Bridgeman, the former First Lord of the Admiralty

The engagement is announced of Mr. Richard Thomas Lee, Grenadier Guards, only son of Major-General Sir Richard and Lady Lee, of Woodlands, near Southampton, and Miss Betty Bushman, elder daughter of the late Major-General Sir Henry Bushman and Lady Bushman.

It was announced yesterday that Mr. Norman Erskine-Fraser is to marry Miss Betty Buckland, the daughter of Mr. Justice and Lady Buckland Miss Buckland, who is 26, is an artist and sculptor.

Mr. David Jones, J.P., a director of Elder Dempster and Co., Ltd., has had the honour of Knight Commandership of the Order of the Star of Africa conferred upon him by the King of Liberia.

OBITUARY.

HYACINTHE LADY HOWARD OF GLOSSOP.

The death at Forest Row, Sussex, of Hyacinthe Lady Howard of Glossop is announced. She was the widow of Francis, Second Baron Howard of Glossop, whom she married, as his second wife, in 1891. The second Baron died in 1924. She was the fifth daughter of the late Mr. William Scott-Kerr, of Chatto and Sunlaws, Roxburghshire.

DR. R. T. HERDMAN.

Dr. Ronald Tydd Herdman, Deputy Medical Officer of Health for Bedfordshire and School Medical Officer for that county, was found dead in bed yesterday. On Friday he attended a meeting of the Bedfordshire Education Committee.

Before going to Bedford Dr. Herdman held positions at Guildford and in London.

FUNERAL.

MR. W. J. BAKER, M.P.

A number of postmen in uniform were among those who attended the funeral of Mr. Walter J. Baker, Labour M.P. for Bristol East, at the West Norwood Crematorium yesterday. Mr. Baker, who died on Tuesday, was the assistant general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers, and a large number of representatives of the union were present, including Councillor R. Bishop, of the Executive Council.

The Prime Minister was represented by Mr. Ben Smith, M.P., and other Labour members who attended were Mr. Gillett, Mr. Charleton, and Mr. Snell. Mr. A. Seaton attended on behalf of the Direct Parliamentary Representation Society.

CHRISTMAS CARDS BY WIRE.

Facilities provided by the Post Office for the transmission of pictures by telegraph make it possible to send a photograph, together with a message in facsimile handwriting, to Germany, Austria, Denmark, or Sweden, and it is suggested that this service may be used for Christmas greetings.

THE EGYPTIAN FLAG.

To-day, at 11 a.m., His Excellency Sesostris Sidarouss Pasha, Minister Plenipotentiary, will present a Flag of Egypt to the Ethical Church, Queen's Road, Bayswater.

The Flag will be saluted by the nine other Flags which on previous occasions have been presented by their respective Embassies or Legations. During the ceremony the Royal Egyptian Anthem will be played on the organ by Mr. Charles Kennedy Scott. Major Polson Newman will deliver an Address on "The Land and People of Egypt."

The charge for Society Announcements on this page is one guinea for three lines or less and 5s. for each line after. A line contains about seven words. All announcements are subject to editorial approval, and should be addressed to the Social Editor, "Sunday Times," 135, Fleet Street, E.C.4.

LENDING WORKS OF ART.

BRITAIN'S TURN TO "GIVE."

BILL TO LEGALISE EXPORT

The SUNDAY TIMES learns that in the not distant future the directors of a number of our museums and galleries, where famous works of art are publicly exhibited, may be called upon to consider an invitation from other countries to send abroad, on loan, a few of our masterpieces and historical treasures. To this end Lord Parmoor has introduced a Bill into Parliament which will empower the trustees of the British Museum and the trustees and director of the National Gallery to consider any such request and to lend objects for exhibition overseas.

The effect of the Bill is to enable this country to reciprocate the friendly spirit which some other countries have displayed in permitting their works of art to be brought over and exhibited here. The Belgian and the Italian Governments have been especially generous in this respect, and their readiness to lend pictures resulted in the Anglo-Belgian and the Anglo-Italian exhibitions during the past three years, which proved enormous successes.

An important point in the matter, and upon which there is a division of opinion among experts, is that of the risks involved in the removal of precious and delicate works of art from their permanent surroundings.

RISK OF DAMAGE.

Sir E. Denison Ross, who is an authority on Oriental Art and is prominent in organising the Anglo-Persian Exhibition which opens next month, expressed the opinion that pictures cannot travel without great risks, quite apart from the risk of loss.

"I imagine," he added, "that critics of the system of the interchange for the purposes of international exhibitions are probably more influenced by this consideration than any other. Additional to the question of care, there was the great risk of loss."

Sir Denison Ross stated that in connection with the Anglo-Persian exhibition some of the treasures which were coming from America were being brought by hand rather than risk the loss of the treasure en route. He recalled how the famous 'cello, which was made for the Royal Chapel in Madrid by Stradivari, was carried to Madrid from Cremona, where it was made, on a man's back.

Sir Denison suggested that in many instances it was unnecessary to export or even to import works of art, representative of this country, as many of the finest pieces were in private hands in various countries.

In so far as the forthcoming exhibition of Persian treasures was concerned, this was totally different, as some of the treasures which were to be exhibited had never been seen by anyone other than visitors to Persia, and were of a character only dreamt of.

While in certain cases he would be inclined to make reservations in loaning the objects, Sir Denison said that he thought we should be prepared to reciprocate in lending some of our works of art, if only from a point of justice. There were, however, instances of objects of unique and historical importance where he would give his consent with the greatest reluctance.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW.

Major Longden, who organised the Anglo-Italian exhibition last year, thought that their experiences in that exhibition had proved beyond doubt that, providing the paintings were properly handled, packed, and proper provision made in the matter of temperature, there were no risks of damage.

"We should be prepared to reciprocate were we invited to send any of our pictures abroad on loan," he said. "We have enjoyed a good deal of 'take,' and it was now our part to 'give' a little. The practice in the past has been to have every picture or work of art thoroughly examined to ascertain if it were an 'invalid' and not fit to travel. If the certificate was against travelling the object was not included in the list."

NEW WHITEHALL.

NO ARCHITECT YET CHOSEN.

No decision has yet been announced as to who will be the architect of the new £2,000,000 oGvernment buildings in Whitehall.

In a statement issued by the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors, it is pointed out that last Christmas Sir Lionel Earle, Permanent Secretary of the Office of Works, said: "So far as I can see, the building (of Montagu House, etc.) will be designed by an outside architect, though in what manner selected I cannot at this moment state."

Major Athoe, secretary of the Incorporated Association, comments: "It would be a satisfaction to the architectural profession to know that the job was not going to an Office of Works staff architect.

"It is rather galling for architects in private practice to know that part of the taxes which, in common with the rest of the population, they pay, goes towards paying salaries for men whose occupation takes the bread out of private practitioners' mouths. I hope, therefore, that Sir Lionel Earle is a true prophet."

CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

New headquarters for the City of London Police, built at a cost of £50,000, will be opened by the Lord Mayor of London (Sir W. Phené Neal) on Tuesday. They are on the site of the old offices in Old Jewry, but the building is new except for the doorway and courtyard and the mahogany staircase, which is 200 years old.

MUSIC AWARDS.

The following awards in the Royal Academy of Music are announced:—

Hubert Kiver Prize (composition), Norman Askew, London. Hine Gift (composition), Moura G. Johnstone, Saltash. Rutson Memorial Prize (sopranos), Muriel Page, London. Rutson Memorial Prize (tenors), James Topping, Wigan. R.A.M. Club Prize (quartet), David Taylor (1st violin), Watson Forbes (2nd violin), Gwynne Edwards (viola), and D. Ffrangcon Thomas ('cello) Fred Walker Prize (contraltos), Esther Hulbert, Goodmayes Sainton-Dolby Prize (contraltos), E. Margaret Haslett, Ballymena.

ELEPHANT PASSENGERS.

Among the passenger traffic which left Paddington station yesterday morning were the four elephants which took part recently in the Lord Mayor's Show. They travelled to Birmingham by the 10.10 a.m. train, but were due at the station for entraining about an hour before the train left.

Special trucks were provided for their conveyance. On the same train were the members of the theatrical company in which the elephants appear.

ROYAL MESSENGER'S RECORD.

An interesting presentation took place at the Foreign Office yesterday when Sir Robert Vansittart, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, handed to Mr. Arthur Morbey the Imperial Service medal upon his retirement under the age limit, after forty-one years' service in the Department.

Sixty-five years of age, Mr. Morbey entered the Foreign Office on November 28, 1889. After a period of inside work he was promoted to Queen's Messenger in 1898, and became senior King's Home Service Messenger in 1918. On several occasions Mr. Morbey accompanied British Missions abroad, among them being the Peace Conference at The Hague in 1907. He received the Coronation medal in 1902.

CINEMAS AND SUNDAYS.

WAITING FOR L.C.C. ACTION.

DIFFERENT POSITION IN PROVINCES.

A special meeting of the Theatres and Music Halls Committee will be held on Tuesday, prior to the L.C.C. meeting, to discuss the situation created by the High Court decision on illegality of the Sunday opening of cinemas. Mr. Clyde T. Wilson, chairman of the Committee, stated yesterday that the question of an appeal against the judgment will be considered. It will also be open to the Committee to recommend any other action to the Council.

The decision to hold the Committee meeting makes it practically certain that the matter will be discussed by the Council in full session.

The secretary of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association stated that the cinema interests are waiting to see what action London County Council will take. Discussing the extent to which provincial cinematograph theatres are affected by the judgment, he said:—

"The situation in the provinces is different, because only ordinary cinematograph licences are issued. These do not specify the number of days on which the cinema may open. The L.C.C., on the other hand, have granted a six days' licence, with a gentleman's agreement regarding the seventh. If a common informer were to take action against a provincial cinema for opening on Sunday, the Remission of Penalties Act would be invoked."

AMENDMENT BILL.

A legal authority in close touch with the cinema interests suggested that the Committee might take other action than appeal against the judgment. They might support a Bill such as that proposed by the theatre managers.

"It is being assumed, especially by the theatre managers," he said, "that the only way out of the present tangle is by a special Bill to amend the Lord's Day Observance Act and permit both Sunday cinemas and Sunday theatres. Actually, a much simpler procedure could be adopted—that is to say, for the L.C.C. to secure a simple amendment to the Cinematograph Act of 1909, giving extended powers to local authorities to deal with Sunday opening as they think fit.

"In view of the general national prejudice against Sunday opening, this would in many ways be the best method. In many areas of the country there is a large majority of opinion against Sunday opening. In these places the local authority could prohibt Sunday performances. In others, where they are wanted by most people, they could be permitted."

TWO APPLICATIONS.

The agenda for Tuesday's L.C.C. meeting contains recommendations to "take no action" in the event of two cinema displays taking place on a Sunday "provided no charge is made for seats." Both houses are in the East End of London, and both applications involve films depicting Jewish life. These recommendations of the Theatres and Music Halls Committee are dated two days in advance of the delivery of the High Court judgment.

THE PENNY "DAILY TELEGRAPH."

EXPERT TRIBUTE TO ITS "GOOD VALUE."

The following appears under the heading of "Fleet Street Matters" in yesterday's issue of the "Newspaper World":—

"Everybody seems to have had a kind word to say about the enterprise of the 'Daily Telegraph' in reducing its price on Monday from twopence to one penny.

"The 'Telegraph' presented a strong claim to the thousands who on Monday purchased it in response to the generous advertising it had received. Twenty-four pages at a penny is good value, and the 'Telegraph' management guaranteed that size and quality should not depreciate through the reduction of price. I think that one of the most interesting features in Monday's issue was the large 1d. on the title page. A note on the opening page informed readers that the figure was from the type which Mr. Levy, the original printer of the 'Telegraph,' had in his office in 1855. For a period of seventy-five years, therefore, this type remained with the 'Telegraph' through its changes of proprietary and offices and appeared in print on Monday. It is a fitting illustration of the old and the new meeting once again.

"Another point which deserves to be mentioned is the fact that Mr. Joseph Moses Levy, who printed the 'Telegraph' in the early days, was at that time the proprietor of the SUNDAY TIMES. Now, history repeats itself, and, as we know, Lord Camrose, his brother and his friends are associated with the SUNDAY TIMES, whilst they have become the proprietors of the 'Daily Telegraph.'"

INDIA'S MINIATURE ART.

A collection of Indian miniature paintings, mostly of the 18th and early 19th centuries, loaned by Sir Dorabji J. Tata, is being exhibited at India House, Aldwych, W.C., until Saturday, December 20.

The public are admitted free daily except on Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FREEDOM CEREMONY IN BEDROOM.

The presentation of the freedom of Bangor to Dr. Griffith Evans, the eminent scientist, who lives in Bangor, will be made in his bedroom. Dr. Evans, who is 96 years of age, is bedridden and stone deaf.

RUGBY-PLAYING VICAR.

The Rev. W. Maddison, Rural Dean of Hexham, was instituted Vicar of Haltwhistle, Northumberland, yesterday, by the Bishop of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Mr. Maddison, who is 47, was educated at Marlborough College and Wadham College, Oxford, where he was an outstanding Rugby player. He is the holder of two Northumberland caps and one Yorkshire cap, and played against the New Zealanders in 1905.

WATER SPEED RECORD.

Mr. Kaye Don is due to arrive in Belfast on January 20 in connection with the attempt on the world's water speed record he intends to make in Miss England II. on Lough Neagh.

Miss England II., which is being lent by Lord Wakefield, has been specially strengthened against the danger of striking any submerged object. The arrangements for the attempt are well in hand, and Mr. Fred Cooper is shortly going to Ireland to supervise the preparations.

"EAGER HEART."

The society of players who have been associated with the performances of the mystery play "Eager Heart" for the past twenty-six years, and whose names are never disclosed, have arranged to give performances daily from December 13 to 19, at The Hall, 46, Tufton Street, Westminster.

It will be the 149th performance of the play given by the company, although performances are given all over the world, including the Gold Coast Colony and Tientsin, China. The play is to be given this Christmas in Palestine, and the participants will include Arabs, Armenians, Persians, and a Jewess.

TWO FORTUNES FROM TRADE.

DRAPER AND SPINNER LEAVE OVER £200,000.

CRICKETER'S LONG FIGHT ON INCOME TAX

Two big fortunes made in closely allied trades are revealed in wills proved yesterday.

Colonel Herbert Anderton Foster, of Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford, late chairman of Messrs. John Foster and Sons, spinners and manufacturers, left unsettled personal property of the gross value of £253,858 with net personalty £222,936. He left

£500 to the living of Holy Trinity, Queensbury, for the augmentation of that Living, subject to a gift by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of £250 for the same object.

£500 to the Queensbury District Nursing Association.

A life annuity of £150 each to his wife's maid, Louisa Morgan, and his children's nurse, Annie Waterman, to commence on the death of the survivor of his wife and himself, and if they should respectively still be in the service of his wife at her decease he left to each of them a legacy of £100.

In addition to other provisions made for his wife he left her an annuity of £5,000 during widowhood or of £3,000 in the event of her remarriage.

Estate valued at £200,295 gross, with net personalty £188,261, was left by Mr. John Fry Rockhey, of Tracey, Torquay, lately head of J. F. Rockhey, Ltd., drapers. He left £100 to Andrew Gordon Murray, secretary of J. F. Rockhey, Ltd.; £50 to Alfred William Bowers, his gardener; and £100 a year to his wife's maid, Emma Octavia Cole.

A CRICKETER'S INCOME-TAX.

Mr. James Seymour, of Marden, Kent, a professional cricketer, who was for twenty-five years a member of the Kent County Eleven, left £5,490, with net personalty £1,114. Seymour, it will be recalled, carried on a long fight against the income-tax officials who sought to assess him in respect of the proceeds of a benefit match. The case was carried to the House of Lords, and the final verdict was in Seymour's favour.

OTHER WILLS.

	GROSS VALUE.
Mrs. JESSIE KERR or BELL, of Glenairlie, Crescent Road, Lundin Links, Fife (personal estate in Great Britain £47,751) total value of personal estate)	£48,577
WILLIAM HENRY MOFFATT, of Eldin, Lasswade, Midlothian (personal property in Great Britain)	44,677
TOM CORDEUX, of Meyrick Park Crescent, Bournemouth, Hants, and late of Cordeux and Co. (net personalty £32,981)	35,537
The Very Rev. Canon JOHN CASEY, of Harbour View, Waterford, Irish Free State (personal property in England and the Irish Free State)	31,136
The Ven. LEWIS HUGH OSWALD PRYCE, of The Vicarage, Wrexham, Archdeacon of Wrexham (net personalty £6,925)	7,231
JOHN BERNARD BLETSOE, of Holcot, Northants, breeder and trainer of steeplechasers, who won the Grand National of 1901 with Grudon (net personalty £339)	3,457

THE SICK LIST.

HOME SECRETARY'S GOOD PROGRESS.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, the Home Secretary, who has been in bed for some days with a severe chill, was stated last night to be progressing quite well.

Lord Riddell, who has been confined to bed with a chill, is making satisfactory progress, but a slight operation will be necessary, and he is going into a nursing home for the purpose.

Last night's reports concerning other invalids were:—

Viscount Plumer (cold).—Much better.

Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, wife of Major Edward D. Metcalfe (whose progress since the birth of her twin girls last month has not been quite so rapid as had been expected).—Comfortable, and the doctors are satisfied with her condition.

Miss Beatrix Alexander, daughter of the First Lord of the Admiralty (appendicitis).—Splendid progress.

Sir John Lavery.—Going on well.

Sir Richard Bulkeley, Bart., Lord-Lieutenant of Anglesey (ill at Beaumaris): Hopes to leave bed in a few days.

Mr. Turner, M.P.: Condition improved.

Mr. F. G. Kellaway: Excellent progress; returned home to Westerham.

OWN DEATH FORETOLD.

TITANIC SURVIVOR'S PREMONITION.

Mr. Charles Mills, aged 70, of Orchard Place, Southampton, who collapsed and died in the street at Southampton, had a strange premonition of death.

When he visited his son and daughter-in-law on Friday night, he asked for his grave to be got ready, as he would be needing it soon. Within an hour he was dead.

Mr. Mills claimed to be the only surviving butcher of the Titanic.

£1,673 *FOR NEW L.C.C. MAP.*

The L.C.C. propose to issue a new municipal map of London, and on Tuesday the Council's Establishment Committee will ask for the approval of an expenditure of £1,673 for the purpose

DEVON WOODS FOR PUBLIC.

Lynton Council, North Devon, is to purchase Lyn Woods, near Lynmouth. The Council will find about a quarter of the purchase money, and the remainder will be provided by the National Trust. Lyn Woods are near the noted Watersmeet Valley, and only a few miles from the celebrated Doone Valley.

A PERSIAN MARKET.

At dawn on December 17 a caravan of camels will set out for Grosvenor House, Park Lane. They will be laden with beautiful Persian carpets and rugs, and Persian wares of all descriptions.

A "Persian Market" will be opened during the morning, and throughout the 17th and 18th auctions will be held not only of priceless old carpets, but also of present-day rugs.

The proceeds will go to the rebuilding fund of Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

The Rev. Eustace Mordaunt Strong, M.A., rector of Claydon, Bucks, has accepted the offer of the Bishop of Peterborough of the benefice of Langham, Rutland, vacant by the cession of the Rev. William Francis Carlile Hargreaves, M.A.

It is announced from Fulham Palace that the Rev. P H Lea, late sub-warden of the Community of St. Peter, Kilburn, has been appointed to the benefice of St. Peter, Tottenham.

CADETS' MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

On Saturday next, at St. Martin's, Croydon (the Addiscombe College Memorial Church), Field-Marshal Sir Claud W. Jacob will lay the foundation stone of the Addiscombe Cadets' Memorial Chapel. Relatives of cadets will be welcomed at the service.

Upwards of 3,000 cadets passed through the college They cannot all be commemorated by name, but the desire is to commemorate by name all those cadets who have subscribed, or whose relatives have subscribed, to the building of the chapel, and those who wish the names of Addiscombe cadets inscribed on the memorial should, if they have not already done so, communicate with the Rev. W. P. Jones, St. Martin's Vicarage, Croydon.

UNSETTLED BUT MILDER.

RAIN LIKELY TO FOLLOW FOG.

LIGHT SOUTHERLY WINDS.

ENGLAND.—Wind south or south-west, light or moderate; cloudy; fog or mist at first; perhaps drizzle or rain later; milder.

SCOTLAND. — Wind south-westerly, moderate or fresh: cloudy, some rain or showers; normal temperature.

IRELAND. — Wind westerly, moderate or fresh; cloudy; occasional rain or showers; some bright intervals; temperature about normal.

WALES.—Wind south or south-west, moderate; cloudy; some drizzle or rain; local mist; normal temperature.

ENGLISH CHANNEL. — Wind south or south-west, moderate; cloudy, fog or mist early; perhaps drizzle or rain later; sea slight or moderate.

AIR PASSAGES.—South-west to south winds 5—10 m.p.h. at the surface and 10—20 m.p.h. at 2,000 feet, freshening later. Fog and much low cloud at first, particularly on the Continent. Fog tending to disperse later. Risk of intermittent rain or drizzle in south-east England late in the day. Visibility 200—400 yards at first, improving slowly to 1,000—2,000 yards, except perhaps towards Cologne.

By OUR METEOROLOGICAL EXPERT.

Although southerly breezes, heralding the advance of a rain belt from the Atlantic, brought fairly general relief from fog to the western and northern districts of Britain yesterday, a large part of Eastern, Central, and Southern England remained continuously shrouded for the second day on end. This region still lay in a vast pool of cold, stagnant air that had collected on Thursday night in the calm area between anticyclones to east and west of our islands.

Yesterday's fog, while equally persistent, was not, as a rule, so dense as Friday's, and traffic suffered less delay. Visibility, which had in some instances fallen as low as five yards overnight, improved generally to 100 yards or more by afternoon.

LOWEST FOR A YEAR.

In South-East England and the South Midlands the day was, however, even colder than its forerunner. At Kew the 1 p.m. temperature of 32 deg. was 12 deg. short of the normal, and the lowest recorded at that hour for more than twelve months. Several places outside London reported only 29 deg. at both 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.—afternoon readings that had not been paralleled since the great frost of the winter before last.

Owing to the southerly winds, Ireland and the western and northern parts of Britain were warm by contrast. At Newcastle-on-Tyne and Aberdeen the thermometers stood respectively 13 deg. and 12 deg. higher than in London at 1 p.m., while on the Kerry coast the temperature was 50 deg. Rain set in over a wide area in these districts in the course of the day, and drizzle occurred locally in the Midlands and East of England.

A slow but steady fall of the barometer last evening suggested that the milder air from the south will spread all over the country to-day, though it may not attain sufficient velocity to effect a complete clearance of the fog from Eastern and Southern England.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Ramsgate Corporation have let the site of the Old Harbour Station as an amusement park at an annual rental of £10,000.

A safe containing books, papers, and money was stolen from the Express Dairy Company's Sudbury Park farm at Wembley.

Card players at an hotel in Hartlepool noticed that fire had broken out, and warned other guests and members of the staff who were asleep.

Cigarettes to the value of £400 were stolen early yesterday by thieves who broke into the shop of Mr. C. Bruton, Lillie Street, Fulham.

Herrings landed in the week ended November 28 at ports in the East Anglian herring fishery totalled 30,709 crans, compared with 43,883 crans in the corresponding week last year.

Five people were injured in a collision between a butcher's van and a motor-car at Darlington yesterday, a little girl in the private car being hurled through the windscreen.

Lectures for children on "Architecture To-day and To-morrow" are to be given by Mr. Humphrey Pakington at the R.I.B.A., 9, Conduit Street, W., on December 29 and 31 and January 2.

In the Central Criminal Court Calendar for the session beginning on Tuesday there are seven charges of bigamy, three of commercial fraud, one of blackmail, and several charges of burglary.

A gathering unique in the history of the Thames was a dinner to lock-keepers between Teddington and Oxford, a distance of 96 miles, given last night by the British Motor Cruising Club at Acton Court.

For persons receiving domiciliary relief in London the L.C.C. Public Assistance Committee will recommend, at Tuesday's meeting, payment of 2s. extra at Christmas in respect of each adult and one shilling for each child.

Mrs. Kate Meyrick was released from Holloway Prison yesterday. She was sentenced in July to six months' imprisonment for selling drink in prohibited hours at the Forty-Three Club, Gerrard Street, W.

MY AWFUL VOICE.
BY THE MARQUESS OF DONEGALL.
IN TO-MORROW'S "DAILY SKETCH."

Mrs. Joseph Cameron, who celebrated her hundredth birthday six months ago, has died in her cottage at Campfield, Glassel, Deeside, to which she went a a bride seventy-nine years ago. She had a family of twelve.

Dr. Hans Fr. Blunck, who is regarded in Germany as the leader of the literary renaissance of the North, will give a recital from his poems and novels at the City Literary Institute, Goldsmith Street, W.C.2, to-morrow at 8 p.m.

The transport Dorsetshire arrived at Southampton yesterday with 1,000 men of the Royal Air Force from India, Palestine, and Egypt, and one Boy Scout, Harold Charles Hamlin, son of Sergt.-Major Hamlin, of the Royal Air Force, stationed in Egypt.

The report of Sir Henry Walker, Chief Inspector of Mines, on the explosions last February at Wath Main Colliery, Yorkshire, in which seven persons lost their lives, has been issued (Cmd. 3722) by the Mines Department at 9d., by post 10½d.

A failure at Deptford power station yesterday cut off electric power from Charing Cross, London Bridge, Cannon Street, and St. Paul's stations. For twenty minutes the stations were in darkness, and all power was cut off; but as the failure occurred at 4.39 a.m. few passengers were inconvenienced.

Natural causes, accelerated by riding a bicycle uphill, was the verdict at an Egham inquest on Percy Lyon, 50, who was found dying on the main road at Virginia Water with the bicycle between his legs and with his hands gripping the handlebars.

Stanley George Bevan, a Bromley estate agent, was committed for trial yesterday on charges of obtaining credit without disclosing that he was an undischarged bankrupt, and of obtaining £300 by fraud from persons anxious to buy houses on estates in Kent. Bail was refused It was stated that Bevan had "no home, no address, no furniture, and no assets."

MRS. R. McKENNA AS SOLOIST

Mrs. Reginald McKenna gave her first organ solo in public last night, when she played Rheinberger's Passacaglia at an "Evening of Song" held in the Harrow School Speech Room, for workers on behalf of Harrow Hospital

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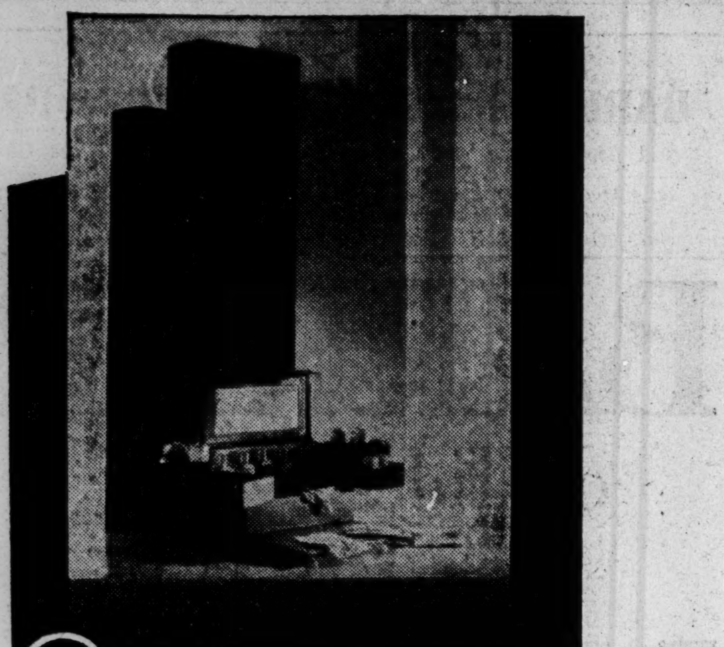

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Court and Society

The King and Queen have been entertaining a party of guests at Sandringham during the past week, which has included the Marquis and Marchioness of Titchfield, the Marquis and Marchioness of Anglesey, the Earl of Feversham, Viscount and Viscountess Hampden, Lord and Lady Elphinstone, Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, and Count Albert Mensdorff. Their Majesties are due to return to Buckingham Palace to-morrow, but the King may motor down to Windsor on Tuesday to shoot if the weather is good.

The Prince of Wales came to the Countess of Pembroke's Bal Masqué in time for supper, and after dancing for some time sat at the long table where were assembled a notable gathering of well-known people presided over by Lady Pembroke, who was in black georgette. Her daughter, Viscountess Hambleden, in dark blue, and the latter's husband were also there, as were the Hon. Henry and Mrs. Mond, the latter in yellow; Mrs. Frank Braham, who had organised everything beautifully; Mr. Duff Cooper with Lady Diana, one of the few who had really dressed up in proper domino and mask, and had been chatting with the Marchioness of Hartington for a while; Lady Winifred Pennoyer, smart in black and white, with her daughter, Lady Joan Talbot, in pink; the Hon. Imogen Grenfell, in shrimp pink; and Miss Jungman, in cocoa-coloured tulle; and the Marquess and Marchioness of Hamilton were others at this very successful ball.

The Duke and Duchess of York, the latter dressed in a long frock of saxe blue taffetas, honoured the Marquess and Marchioness of Londonderry with their presence on the occasion of the recital of "Gaelic Songs of the Isles of the West," which was held in the picture gallery of Londonderry House on Tuesday. Princess Marie Louise, in a dress of dark blue chiffon, and Princess Helena Victoria, in black, were also present, and appeared to listen with enjoyment and understanding to Father John MacMillan's unaccompanied rendering in Gaelic, and to the song illustrations given by Miss Leonara Macara, who had the benefit of a harp and a piano to support her. The audience numbered a good many Scottish people, such as Sir Ian Malcolm, with his wife, who was dressed in white chiffon; the Dowager Lady Glentanar, in black; and the Countess of Dunmore, in black flowered lamé. Lady Londonderry looked very well in a dress of pale yellow chiffon flowered in coral tones which matched her coral shoes. Her youngest daughter, the eight-year-old Lady Mary Stewart, stood by her mother to receive the guests, and was dressed in almost a replica of her mother's frock even to the coral shoes. The Hon. Mrs. Richard Hoare, in black lace, was also among the audience, and other music lovers I also met there were Lady Cunard, in a dress of bright turquoise blue with a velvet coatee to match trimmed with ermine; Cora, Countess of Strafford, in black velvet; Mrs. Ernest Cunard, in pale green embroidered in crystal beads; Sir Kynaston and Lady Studd, and Sir Cecil and Lady Lowther, the latter in pink lace.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Blandford have left for big game shooting in Kenya, and are not expected back in England before March at the earliest. They gave a farewell party on Monday at their house in Hill Street, Berkeley Square. Lady Blandford wore a dress of black velvet with a green belt, and her sister, Lady Stanley, was also in black. Hunting and racing people were numerous in the panelled drawing-room, where dancing took place. I noticed some interesting tapestries from Blenheim hanging on the stairs. Among others dancing were Marchioness Curzon, in white satin; the Earl of Carnarvon, with his wife also in white satin; the Hon. Mrs. Frederick Cripps, in pink chiffon; Lady Warrender, who kept on a black velvet coatee with ermine cuffs over a black dress; and Mrs. Gerard Leigh, whose frock was of pale pink. There was a dinner of forty at two long tables, and late in the evening Douglas Byng came to sing his ultra-sophisticated songs. The Duchess of Sutherland came on from the Londonderry House party, and was wearing her all-round diamond tiara with a silver sequined dress, while the Duchess of Roxburghe was wearing a frock of peacock blue lamé. Young married women to be seen included Mrs. Ronald Tree and the Hon. Mrs. James Beck, both dressed in white, while still another who had chosen to appear in white satin was Lady Cunliffe-Owen.

A very delightful house-warming party was given by the Hon. Mrs. Henry Mond on Thursday (the day of Mr. Mond's able speech in the House on the Dyestuffs Act) at Mulberry House, Smith Square, when the ball room decorated by Glyn Philpot was shown for the first time. Greatly admired were the silver walls on which the artist has painted a series of mythological subjects, and the sculpture by Charles Jagger also created great interest. Mrs. Mond looked charming in an ethereal frock of palest lemon chiffon, and wore many fine emeralds. Lady Melchett also had on many emeralds with a white frock, and others to be seen were the Countess of Carlisle, in dark blue georgette, and her twin sisters; Lady Maureen Stanley, in lemon chiffon with a pink design on it; the Marquis of Reading; Kathleen, Countess of Drogheda, in black velvet, with her daughter, Lady Patricia Moore, in a crystal-embroidered white chiffon dress; Lady Chamberlain, in black, with her daughter, Diane, in white tulle; Viscount and Viscountess Dunedin, the latter in white satin; Sir Oswald Mosley, who was dancing with his wife; Capt. and Mrs. Cunningham Reid, the latter in black velvet; Lady Cunliffe-Owen, in geranium-red georgette and fine pearls; Colonel and Mrs. Wilfred Ashley, the latter in bright green lace; the Hon. Evan Morgan with his wife in a dress and coatee of brown lace; the Hon. Ivor Guest, and Rosamond Viscountess Ridley, who had on an original fillet of red velvet.

The Countess of Cromer is taking a great personal interest in Denville Hall, the Home of Rest for aged members of the theatrical profession, and has arranged a matinée which will take place to-morrow at the Hippodrome in its aid. The Earl of Cromer, too (who is a very much liked Lord Chamberlain), is helping to promote its success, and they are both delighted at the wonderful programme which will be offered. M. Maurice Chevalier, Sir Gerald du Maurier, Mr. Noel Coward and Miss Gertrude Lawrence, are only a few of the stars who will appear.

MAYFAIR.

RARE BABY DEER AT THE ZOO.

FOSTER MOTHER'S PRIDE.

By OUR ZOO CORRESPONDENT.

Zoo happenings last week consisted chiefly of births, and one of the new babies is an interesting little creature. He is the offspring of a pair of Pudu deer that arrived at the menagerie recently, and as these small dark-red deer from Chile are not a common sight in the Gardens, an infant specimen is even more uncommon. He is to be found in the paddocks facing the Hippopotamus House, and there he walks about with his mother, apparently quite unconcerned by the dismal welcome offered by the fog.

Another of the new youngsters is in the Kangaroo Sheds, the mother animal being a black wallaby. This Zoo baby is not yet strong enough to emerge from the maternal pouch, but he peeps out from his safe shelter, and those who want to have a good look at him should entice the mother to the bars and feed her. He will then become so curious that he appears to be in danger of falling out.

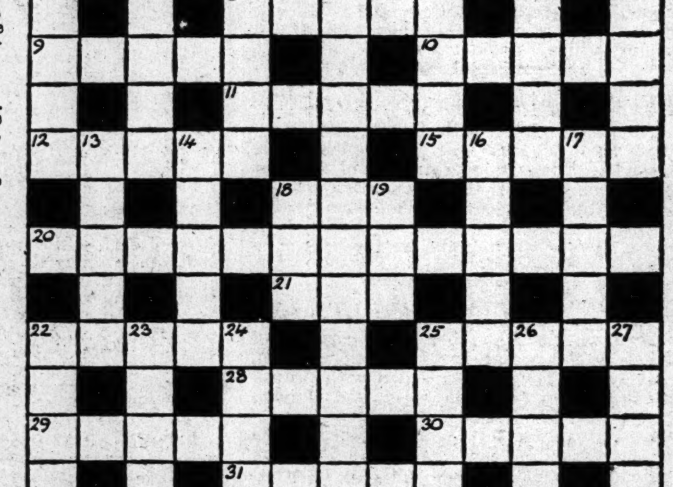
The other new additions to the "nursery" are two agoutis and two love-birds. These births are common occurrences in the menagerie, but though love-birds will breed all the year round, they usually cease laying eggs in October, when their boxes are removed. As they are too lazy to build nests for their young, they produce eggs only from April to October, and the Zoo then provides them with small boxes in which to deposit their eggs.

New arrivals at the menagerie from outside sources are a polecat, two monkeys and a tame paradine genet. The latter is remarkably docile and can be nursed and fondled by strangers, for if angered he merely spits and never makes any attempt to bite or run away.

A rather delightful case of adoption is now to be seen in the Gardens. Recently a macaque monkey arrived at the Zoo accompanied by a three-months-old baby, but unfortunately she was in bad health, and last week she died, leaving her infant in a pitiable plight. He is old enough to walk and feed himself, but still needs maternal attentions, and as he was fretting bitterly after his dead parent he was placed in a cage with three squirrel monkeys, in the hope that they might cheer him up. One of the squirrel monkeys at once took pity on the lonely baby and she has now formally adopted him. At feeding-time she feeds him before beginning her own meal; she keeps him clean and guards him tenderly; and if he whines then she comforts him. And at times she even tries to carry him, an impossible feat for her, since the squirrel monkey of South America is a much smaller creature than the macaque, and therefore the baby is almost as big as his adopted mother.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 310.

Send solutions addressed "Cross-word No. 310," SUNDAY TIMES, 135, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4. Two novels selected from publishers' announcements in the SUNDAY TIMES will be given to the senders of the first five correct solutions opened after the first post on Thursday. Readers in Scotland are precluded from taking part in the competition.



ACROSS.

1. Swiss resort.
5. View.
8. Part of Africa that probably has a great future before it.
9. Feminine name that still sounds like another when decapitated.
10. Foreign soldier.
11. Spin.
12. Ridley, Latimer, and Cranmer were burnt; here's a prelate's happy end.
15. What! will you throw Ellen in the Serpentine? (Hidden.)
18. This fish always should appear at nursery meals.
20. Descriptive of a "Red."
21. Part of a magneto.
22. What those anglers by a canal in the winter may catch.
25. Confusion.
28. Join.
29. Antècedent or cleric.
30. This girl was worshipped of old.
31. There's a number before the artist for this girl.
32. The clue for 22 suits this too.
33. Send.

DOWN.

1. What novelist suggests the enemy to the nigger?
2. Flower often seen on the concert platform.
3. This fish becomes a girl when decapitated.
4. This long word is very small.
5. Kind of spring, but may be grave.
6. Ragout.
7. Cancel.
13. British caricaturist of the nineteenth century.
14. This supernatural being is otherwise known to the angler and the singer.
16. Machine for raising
17. Musical direction.
18. Tea-table delicacy.
19. A little tool.
22. Resin that is considered unlucky if it loses its head.
23. Mediterranean island.
24. This movement "comparatively" becomes a dog.
25. Tree.
26. A call to arms naturally causes fear
27. If vehicles run backwards it's rather clever.

CROSSWORD No. 309. PRIZEWINNERS.

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SOLUTION OF PUZZLE No. 309.

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A Woman's Corner

The Post-bag.

A Provocative Headmaster.

By PANDORA.

One of the delightful results of writing a column of this kind is that letters on all sorts of subjects and from people of all ages and both sexes arrive each week to interest, puzzle, distress (because of inability to help), amuse, and stimulate.

Last week's was a very mixed bag. One pleasing communication was an attractive leaflet, produced in Australia, as the organ of a society called the Rangers' League, which aims to protect and preserve native birds, animals, trees, plants, and flowers, and to prevent and control the bush fires that menace life and property in the great countries of wide spaces. One page of the leaflet is devoted to suggestions to campers and picnickers as to how to avoid fires and how to help the live creatures and the plants, and there are pictures of the native animals and birds that cry for protection.

At the same time, I had a letter from a well-known animal lover, mourning that the Christmas spirit is not always allowed to influence our dealings with animals at the holiday season when shows of various kinds are produced. She begs that the utmost care should be taken to discover that entertainments do not involve cruelty in the training or in the keeping of animals, who are often shut up in too small a space. My reader goes on to say that in small and unfashionable shops small birds and animals are frequently kept in dark basements without sufficient light and air.

In this connection I can think gratefully of one small shop in a quaint passage, where the guardian of the birds is a benevolent person who understands them, and cares for them with real devotion, but there may be others.

Waking Patients.

The matter of waking up patients at an early hour has aroused a certain amount of interest, for several readers have written to agree heartily with the suggestion that hospitals and nursing homes should make their rules about waking patients a little more elastic. The patient should be the first consideration, writes one, while another correspondent says that while there is obviously no intentional unkindness, it amounts to that to awaken a patient who may have had a troubled night of pain, in order that all shall be neat and tidy when the day nurse comes on duty.

The question of placing very hot bottles in the bed of an unconscious person has also stirred correspondents to write their views. "Ex-patient" says that in professional nursing hot bottles are never allowed inside a patient's bed, but are placed between the blankets. Yet I have chapter and verse for two cases where a patient was seriously injured, and in one case died, as the result in one instance of the bottle filled with boiling water bursting, and in the other of having the hot bottles placed too near when unconscious and suffering from shock.

My correspondent writes an enthusiastic letter in well-deserved praise of the four different hospitals where he was a patient, and adds that instances of patients being injured through lack of such precautions as he mentions are extremely rare, which is quite true.

He goes on: "I think your correspondent who says that people have to deliver themselves over to ignorance and want of thought when they are incapable of acting for themselves has little knowledge of the skill, conscientiousness, and hard work which to-day are so willingly expended on the sick in all modern hospitals and institutions. I do not write in defence of the nursing profession, which it is only possible to praise."

A Splendid Profession.

But surely to suggest a reform in the matter of waking patients too early, and to issue a warning against using hot water-bottles too hot when nursing an unconscious person, either in hospital or at home, is not an attack on a profession which is one of the finest in the world, and wins universal affection and admiration.

The fact that the Central Public Health Committee of the L.C.C. had been making inquiries and tabulating replies as to the time when patients were awakened suggests that the matter is considered of some importance, and as to the hot-water bottles, if even one person in a year were injured by their use, it should be a warning to all who care for the sick.

Welcoming Grey Skies.

A pleasant letter comes from a correspondent who last wrote to me from India, where Princess Elizabeth's picture hung in a nursery watched over by an ayah. She is back in England, and says "in your issue of to-day's date you comment on the English weather and pity those arriving home on a dull or rainy December day. I have a husband due to arrive shortly, and he will be pleased with the weather. Personally, I don't like wet weather in England. It means macintoshes and rubber boots and children getting their socks wet and mud coming into the house, to the dismay of the maid. But my husband, who has been longer in India than I have, looks delightedly up into the clouds and says: 'By Jove! I love this grey sky, you know!' So you see you are quite right when you surmise that it may be a pleasant change to lose the sun for a while."

Please!

In thus referring to the interesting and helpful letters which come to this column, may I again ask my readers to note that I cannot print any sort of political propaganda, whether I am sympathetic or otherwise to the views expressed; I cannot call attention to homes of rest or new cures, mention the names of any articles for sale, publish accounts of organisations trying to promote handicrafts, excellent though they may be, or appeal for funds for any society? Requests for all these favours have been received within the past few days, and, much as I regret to refuse, it is impossible to reply to them as the writers wish.

And I realise I seem most disagreeable and disobliging when I ask that no MSS. may be sent to me to read and advise upon. Not even the kind of which the writer modestly says, "I am sure this is not nearly as bad as lots of things I see in print, and I do need some ready money." An argument which I fear we would reject with scorn if offered by the greengrocer.

Women the Braver.

Dr. Alington, Headmaster of Eton, is a brave man, for he tells us through his speech to a girls' school that we are practical but inartistic, that there have been no great women poets (and this is the centenary of Christina Rossetti!), artists, or musicians, and that though women are braver than men, they are also more cruel. No doubt a thousand fountain-pens will leap from their cases to tell him that he is wrong, and to give proof to support their contradictions, but most of us will decide that, like all generalisations, these must be taken with a grain of salt; that there is much in the individual.

Women do, according to doctors and dentists, bear pain better than men—very likely because they are more accustomed to slight ailments than men, and physical pain has none of the element of surprise. Yet those who had anything to do with hospitals during the war marvelled at the courage and patience of the severely wounded.

As to moral courage and endurance, the sexes would seem to be fairly equal; but does the Headmaster of Eton mean that women are more cruel in inflicting pain on others because they have not the imagination to realise how they are making another suffer, or because they have so much that they know where the weapon will give most pain?

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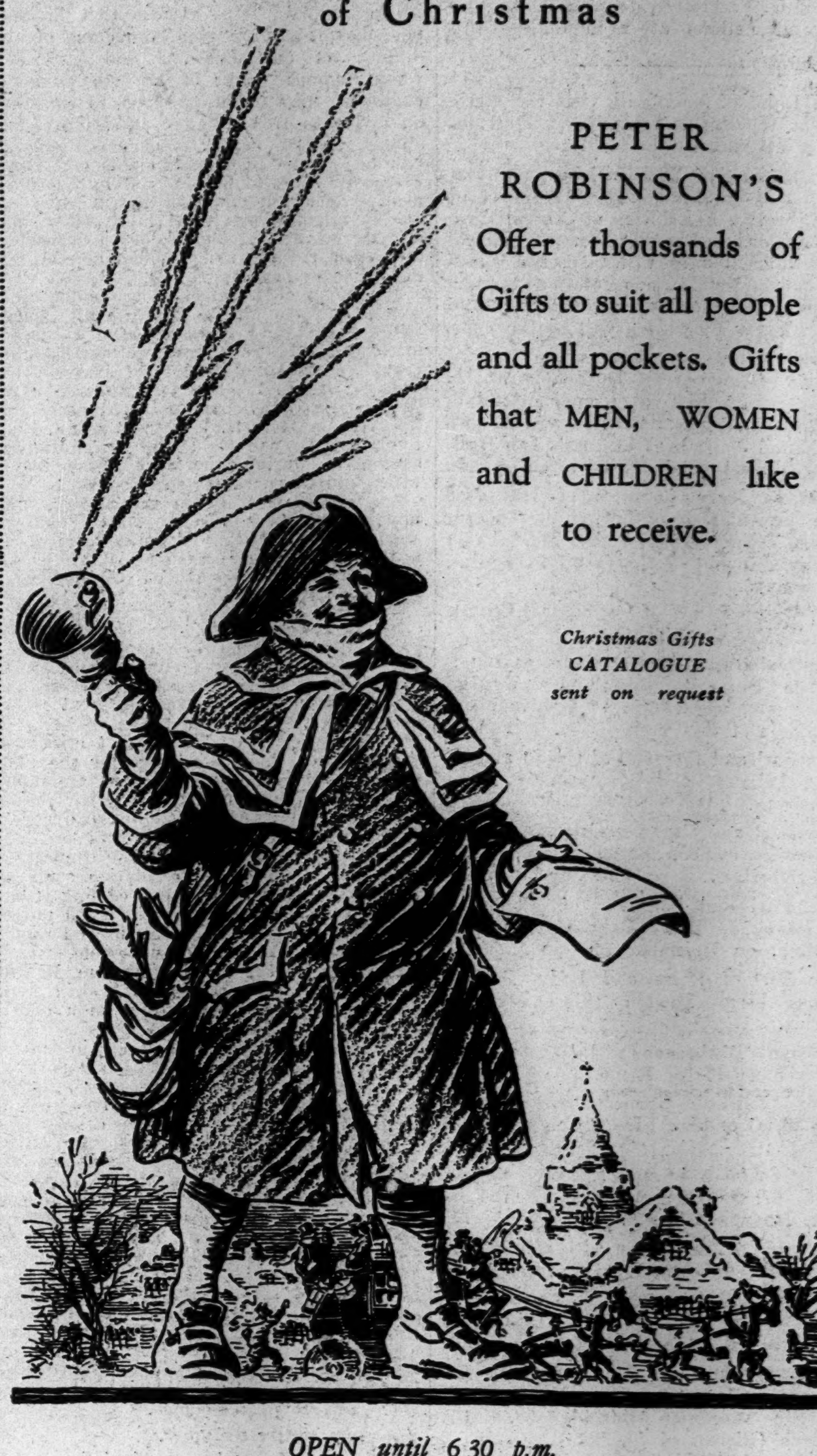

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PROBLEM ABOVE PARTY RIVALRIES.

The Archibishop of Canterbury, in his letter to the diocese in the "Canterbury Diocesan Gazette" for this month, refers to the unemployment problem.

"I am constrained to add a word about the problem of unemployment, which continues to lay a heavy burden upon our national life," he writes. "The Unemployment Insurance Fund is admittedly open to abuse, and abuses associated with it call for reform but at least for this we may be thankful: it has banished the spectre of actual want and misery.

"The trouble is that it is just those whom it was primarily meant to benefit, the folk who are generally eager to work, who feel the wearying and depressing effects of prolonged idleness. The problem concerns the whole nation and calls for the care and thought of every citizen. It ought to be lifted beyond the rivalries and recrimination of political parties.

"There is one way in which we can all make real our common concern and responsibilities. That way is that we should make it in the good old-fashioned language 'a matter of prayer'—prayers for those who are suffering from lack of work, prayer for the right spirit, for openness of mind and freedom from preconceived ideas, for readiness to face sacrifice, above all for guidance of Divine wisdom.

"As Christmas approaches with its call to the remembrance of all that are 'weary and heavy laden' let there be a time of special prayer in which Christian citizens may unite.

"I ask that on Sunday, December 21, prayers should be offered in all the churches of the diocese.

"I suggest that there should be biddings to prayer at the Holy Communion, and that at Matins and Evensong these biddings should be followed by silent prayer and by the Collect mentioned and post-Communion Collect beginning 'Almighty God who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's name.'

"We know by our Lord's assurance and by manifold experiences that it is in answer to prayer that Divine wisdom reaches and guides the minds of men."

SIR HENRY GRAHAM DEAD.

FORMER CLERK OF PARLIAMENTS.

The death occurred in London yesterday of Sir Henry John Lowndes Graham, formerly clerk of the Parliaments.

Sir Henry, who was 88, was clerk of the Parliaments from 1885 to 1917. Earlier in his career he was secretary to the Lord Chancellor and Master in Lunacy. He was knighted in 1902.

Sir Henry was twice married. His first wife, who was a daughter of the first Earl Cranbrook, died in 1875. Nine years later he married Lady Margaret Georgiana Compton—second daughter of the fourth Marquis of Northampton. Sir Ronald Graham, British Ambassador in Rome, is his eldest son by his first marriage.

In various offices in the House of Lords Sir Henry Graham served under five Lord Chancellors. When he was appointed Disraeli was still in the Commons, and Gladstone had not begun the most eventful stage of his career.

BREWERY MERGER.

TWO FAMOUS SCOTTISH FIRMS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

EDINBURGH, Saturday.

The two largest Scottish firms of brewers, Messrs. William Younger and Co., Ltd., and Messrs. William McEwan and Co., Ltd., both of Edinburgh, announce a combination of certain financial and technical resources.

The arrangement is a private one as between the shareholders concerned and the purpose is to develop further the efficiency of the production and distribution of their ales. Each company will continue to be carried on as a separate business with its present organisation, and it is not intended to alter the individual characteristics of the ales marketed by the companies, but to make available to each the technical and other resources of both.

The firm of Younger was established in 1749, and the Brewery at the foot of Holyrood Road has interesting historical associations. It is believed that the Abbey Brewery is on the site of the building where the monks of Holyrood brewed their ale, so that for centuries beer has been produced on this spot. Younger and Co. were established a few years after Prince Charlie visited the Palace of Holyrood.

The founder of McEwan's Brewery in 1856 in a very small way was the late Mr. William McEwan, who was well-known as a Gladstonian Liberal, and whose name is perpetuated in the McEwan Hall, which he presented to Edinburgh University.

MISSING WIDOW.

POLICE ARRANGING FOR EXHUMATIONS.

Steps were being taken by the Cornwall police yesterday for the exhumation of Miss Mary Everard and Miss Lydia Everard, aunt and sister, respectively, of the missing widow Mrs. Hearn.

The Coroner (Dr. W. F. Thompson) has been in consultation with the Home Office, whose order for the exhumation of the bodies is expected to arrive at Launceston to-morrow morning.

The two women were buried in the quiet village churchyard at Lewannick, and it is now considered probable that the exhumations will take place on Tuesday next.

Big canvas screens will be erected around the graves so that digging can be done in seclusion. The bodies will be taken on a hand bier to a nearby hall, where the post-mortem examination will be carried out.

BUSINESS MEN AND INDIA.

Two thousand City men have been invited to attend a meeting at which Lord Lloyd and Mr. Winston Churchill will discuss the situation in India and its importance to British trade, at the Cannon Street Hotel on Thursday.

The Indian Empire Society, which has convened the meeting, seeks to awaken leading industrialists, bankers, shippers, and merchants to the urgency of the problem of India and to the grave effects which any political change adversely affecting the peace and financial stability of the Indian Empire must have on British trade.

Sir Mark Hunter, the secretary of the society, stated yesterday that the meeting was not intended in any way to embarrass the Round-Table Conference.

LANDSLIP IN I.O.W.

A landslip obstructed the Southern Railway line between Newport and Cowes (Isle of Wight) yesterday, and passengers were conveyed by omnibus.

FILM RIOTERS TO BE FOUGHT.

POLICE GUARD FOR "ALL QUIET."

M.P.'S AMONG NAZI TERRORISTS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Following the disgraceful scenes created last night by the National Socialists, who prevented the production of the film version of Remarque's well-known book, "All Quiet on the Western Front," steps are to be taken to prevent such terrorism in the future.

Meetings were held this morning between the President of the Police, the producers of the film and the proprietor of the theatre. It was decided that the film should be produced again, and that a sufficient force of police should be in the theatre to prevent any repetition of the Nazi's scandalous conduct. The police argue that those people who disapprove of a film need not go to see it, but the persons who wish to see it must be permitted to do so in peace.

As the Nazi members of the Reichstag who directed the terrorist action and drove out the ordinary public are known, the film producers are entering an action for damages against them.

When the attempt was made to produce the film, it was at once apparent that the Nazis had prepared systematically for the occasion. Some 200 of them had bought tickets. For the first half hour or so everything went well. Then something was shown to which a Nazi shouted "All German soldiers were brave. It is disgusting that such a shameful film should be produced in America." And this was followed by cries of "Down with the Government that permits such a film to be shown to the German public."

M.P.s IN RIOT.

Then the storm broke. Dr. Goebbels, Herr Hitler's right-hand man, stood up and began a speech. Stink-bombs were thrown from the gallery into the stalls and white mice were let loose. All this naturally led to a panic among the non-Nazi public, and there was a rush for the doors.

The available police had not been able to deal with the rowdies, and when reinforcements arrived the Nazis occupied the theatre and refused to move. The police began to hustle them out, but were held in check by a number of Nazis who produced cards showing they were members of the Reichstag and therefore above the authority of the police.

When the Nazis condescended to leave the theatre they attempted to storm the cashier's office, for although they had deliberately prevented the continuance of the performance, they demanded their entrance money back. The police, however, were able to prevent further trouble.

FRENCH FINANCIAL SCANDALS.

ANOTHER ARREST.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

Another alleged financial scandal, in which something like £60,000 is said to be involved, was brought to light last evening by the arrest at Boulogne-sur-Seine, on the outskirts of Paris, of M. Pierre Laval, deputy-administrator of the Banque Commerciale de France. This bank, which has branches at Verdun, Grenoble, Peronne, and Arras, is stated to have specialised in the offer to clients of such issues as Young Plan bonds and City of Paris and railway securities.

Its representatives in the provinces have had no difficulty in securing orders for large blocks of securities, and it is alleged that when once the purchase price for these has been paid to the bank the client heard no more about it.

Inquiry was said to have been made on the complaint of some disappointed people who were anxious to obtain certificates of their stocks, and this resulted only in the explanation that, owing to the recent failures on the Bourse and the difficulties through which the financial market was passing, the script was not immediately to be delivered.

An examining magistrate having been appointed to inquire into the affair ordered the arrest of Laval, and also of Charles Stanilas Lanowski, another deputy administrator of the bank. Laval was arrested at his home, but when the police visited the home of Danowski they learned that he had disappeared.

The allegation is that Danowski was really the head of this concern, and that Laval was simply his tool in the execution of doubtful financial operations.

TRAVEL TEACHERS.

VACATION VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES.

A reception was held yesterday at Dartmouth House, Charles Street, London, in connection with the scheme for Travelling Scholarships to the United States for teachers, which has been organised by the English-Speaking Union.

The scheme was initiated in 1923 in memory of the late Ambassador, Mr. Page, beginning with the sending of an elementary school teacher from Stratford-on-Avon to America. Since that date some forty teachers have paid vacation visits to the United States, and many interchanges of posts between British and American teachers have been arranged.

The guests were received by Viscountess Bryce, President of the Common Interests Committee, and among those present to meet the teachers were: The Hon. Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton, Miss Margesson, Lady (George) Young, Miss Helen Fraser, the Dowager Lady Swaythling, Dr. Costley-White (headmaster of Westminster School), and Mrs. J. A. Spender.

Among the guests were the holders of Scholarships in 1930: Miss Marjorie Moller, Wycombe Abbey (Page Scholarship); Mrs. Gertrude Scott, Queen's Road Council School, Wimbledon (National Union of Teachers' Scholarships; Miss Doris Stead, Parkfield Cedars Secondary School, Derby (Assistant Mistresses' Association Scholarship); Miss Marie Roberts, Girls' High School, Chesterfield (Kentucky Scholarship); Miss Irene Ezard, High School for Girls, Southport (Kentucky Scholarship); Miss Hamblin Smith, Sutton High School (Chautauqua Scholarship); and Miss Beatrice Colborne, Roedean (Chautauqua Scholarship).

In addition to the scholarship holders in 1930, teachers who held scholarships and exchange posts in previous years were present.

HUNTING-FIELD MISHAPS.

During a gallop with the Cottesmore Hounds from a spinney near Berry Gorse, yesterday, Lady Guernsey was thrown at a fence in the vicinity of Stapleford Park and her horse bolted. She escaped with a shaking and shoulder bruises.

Miss Lexie Wilson, of Braunston, met with a similar mishap while hunting with the same pack.

While following the Whaddon Chase Foxhounds near Leighton Buzzard yesterday, Mrs. Trew, of Park Road, Knightsbridge, London, was thrown from her horse and suffered injury to a shoulder.

SURROUNDED BY BANDITS.

NURSE'S GRAPHIC STORY OF ESCAPE.

40 ADVENTUROUS DAYS.

MONGOL GUARDS' PLUCKY RESCUE.

PEKING, Saturday.

A graphic story of her forty days of terrible adventure, including travelling on rafts, ox-carts and camels to escape from brigands, was told by Miss E. Gomersall, a British nurse from Scunthorpe, Lincs, who is attached to the China Inland Mission, when she arrived here to-day.

Miss Gomersall was on her way to Peking with Mrs. Hayward, an American woman, who was to have undergone an operation in a Peking hospital.

"We were on our way," she said, "and we were joined by a wealthy Chinese, who was carrying furs and gold, and who was accompanied by Mongol guards. We were travelling on foot when, about thirty miles from Paotouchen, we were attacked by brigands on horseback, who dragged us from our party with the intention of holding us to ransom.

FIERCE BATTLE.

"A pitched battle followed between the brigands and the Mongol guards. After heavy firing the Mongols retreated. The brigands then robbed every member of the party. Later the Mongol guards returned to the attack, and after a fierce battle rescued Mrs. Hayward and myself and carried us into the mountains.

"We remained trapped in the mountains for eight days, which were bitterly cold. During the whole time the bandits surrounded us."

Mrs. Hayward has been taken to a Peking hospital.—British United Press.

LONDON BAN ON HORSES.

SIR BERTRAM FALLE'S CONCERN.

Reports that horse traffic may be excluded from London streets are to form the subject of a question to be put to the Minister of Transport by Sir Bertram Falle, M.P., in the House of Commons to-morrow.

Sir Bertram, a lover of horses, who often drives to Parliament in his own carriage and pair, stated yesterday that he had heard that slow-moving traffic, including horses, was to be barred from Oxford Street as an experiment, and, if the experiment was successful, the restriction might be applied to the whole of London.

"I am going to ask the Minister of Transport whether a recommendation has been made to the London Traffic Advisory Committee that certain streets should be closed to horse traffic. Then I shall invite the Minister of Agriculture to investigate the very bad effect that such orders must have on the horse-breeding industry."

HISTORIC WARSHIP.

CHRISTMAS LIBERALITY TO SAVE "IMPLACABLE."

The committee of the fund which is being raised to save the old Implacable as a holiday training ship for boys, state that up to the present they have received £3,450 towards the first £5,000 needed to complete the ship's restoration and equipment. They are especially anxious that this work should be started early in the New Year, so that a larger number of boys may be accommodated in 1931.

They trust, therefore, that the remainder of the £5,000 will be subscribed before Christmas, and that many gifts, both large and small, will be sent to the Treasurer, Implacable Fund, "Punch" Office, 10, Bouverie Street, London, E.C.4, or to any branch of the Midland Bank, Limited.

Through the kindness of the Midland Bank, whose chairman, Mr. Reginald McKenna, is one of the trustees of the fund, donation cards will shortly be exhibited in the branches of the Bank, and it is hoped that the public will take advantage of the facilities thus afforded for subscription, and that this widespread publicity of the committee's needs will meet with an immediate response. This is all the more important since, once the repairs have been completed, the committee's next task is to raise an endowment fund of £30,000, which is essential to assure the future of this last survivor of Trafalgar afloat and to preserve her for the Nation.

MR. FORBES LEAVES FOR HOME.

VISIT TO BATTLEFIELDS.

Mr. Forbes, Prime Minister of New Zealand, with Mrs. Forbes and a party, left Victoria yesterday on their way home. The party included Sir Thomas and Lady Sidey, and Mr. F. D. Thomson, Mr. Forbes's private secretary. Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Secretary for the Dominions, was present to bid them good-bye on behalf of the Government.

Mr. Forbes and his party will visit the battlefields of France and Belgium and spend three days in Paris before joining the Ormonde at Toulon, on December 12.

Travelling with the party was Colonel Eric Murray, of the British Empire League, and Mrs. Murray. At Calais they will be met by Sir Fabian Ware. Visits will be paid to memorials and other places of special interest to New Zealand in the battlefields.

Among those who were on the platform at Victoria when the train left was Mr. C. P. Duff, Mr. MacDonald's principal private secretary; Sir Thomas Wilford, High Commissioner for New Zealand, and Lady Wilford; Sir Edward Harding; Sir Howard d'Egville who was the First Secretary of the Empire Parliamentary Association; and Colonel de Satge, of the Dominions Office; Mr. Maurice Hankey and Mr. Tallents, of the Empire Marketing Board. There were also many New Zealanders living in London, and before the train steamed out they joined in hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Forbes and Sir Thomas and Lady Sidey.

Before leaving, Mr. Forbes said: "Even in this fog I love London, and am sorry to leave her. We have had a very busy, but a very delightful time in England, and made countless friends. New Zealand is a long way off, but we hope to come back before too long. Each member of our party will retain the happiest recollections of our visit."

EXAMINATIONS AT 391 CENTRES.

The December Cambridge Local examinations will begin to-morrow at 391 centres in Great Britain and Overseas. The total number of candidates is 17,265. Of these, 7,741 are entered for the School Certificate and 8,050 for the Junior Local examination. The other 1,474 candidates have entered for the Preliminary examination, now held only at certain Overseas centres.

The regulations for the local examinations to be held in July and December next year and the regulations for the Higher School Certificate examinations, to be held in July, 1931 and 1932, may be obtained from the General Secretary, Syndicate Buildings, Cambridge.

THE PRINCE AT ETON.

FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE AND BANQUET.

PLAY PRESENTED BY CHORISTERS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WINDSOR, Saturday.

The Prince of Wales was present at Founder's Day banquet held in College Hall, Eton, to-night. He was met on arrival by the Provost (Dr. M. R. James), the vice-Provost (Mr. C. H. K. Marten), the Headmaster (Dr. C. A. Alington), and the lower-Provost (Mr. A. E. Conybeare).

The Provost proposed the loyal toasts, and the Prince of Wales responded to the toast of his health.

"In Piam Memoriam," was submitted by the Provost, and was observed in silence. "Floreat Etona" was proposed by Dr. James, and was acknowledged by the Headmaster, and the toast of the "Guests" was submitted by the vice-Provost.

During and after dinner the College Chapel choir, under Dr. H. G. Ley, the Precentor, sang part songs and carols. The St. Nicholas Play was afterwards presented by the College choristers of the Lower Chapel.

The usual ceremonies were observed during the day. The boys were given a holiday, and the statue of the Founder, King Henry VI., in the school yard was marked with a wreath of evergreens; commemorative services were held in College Chapel, with special prayers, and football matches were played in the afternoon. The School Flag was flown over Upper Schools.

Among others present were:—

The Bursar (Mr. P. A. Macindoe), the Conduct (the Rev. B. W. Harvey), and Dr. H. F. Stewart, Sir John Eldon Bankes, Mr. Cecil Lubbock, Sir Harold Snagge, and the Hon. Jasper Ridley, Fellows of the College; the Bishop of Ely, Mr. Justice Rowlatt, Capt. Le G. G. W. Horton, Mr. G. W. Sarre, the President of Magdalen College, Oxford, Mr. R. F. Graham-Campbell, Major Milne, the Hon. G. Johnstone.

Mr. A. B. Marten, Mr. J. E. Talbot, the Bishop of Buckingham, Mr. H. Broadbent, Mr. E. L. Vaughan, Mr. J. H. M. Hare, Dr. Attlee, Dr. Ansler, Mr. E. M. Hawkins (manager of Westminster Bank, Eton), Mr. Stilliard (manager of Barclays Bank, Eton), the Captain of the School, H. A. K. Milne, and the Capt. of the Oppidans, H. Whitbread.

MEMORIAL UNVEILED.

Air Chief-Marshal Sir John Salmond, Chief of the Air Staff, unveiled to-day a memorial to seventy-four old Etonians who lost their lives while serving with the Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Naval Air Service, and the Royal Air Force during the war.

The memorial, which consists of an alabaster tablet, on which the names are inscribed under the Service crests, is erected in Eton College cloisters, directly under Lupton's tower.

Among those also present were:—

Air Vice-Marshal Holt, Air Vice-Marshal Borton, Wing Commander Sutton, Mr. Maurice Baring, Mrs. Barrington Kennett, Mr. T. Purdey, and Mr. T. J. Arbuthnot, Members of the Memorial Committee, Colonel E. W. Powell, Mr. Patrick Alexander, the Rev. F. M. Hargreaves, the Rev. B. W. Harvey, the Hon. Mrs. Alington, Mrs. H. Broadbent, Mrs. Rhys Davies, and Miss Rhys Davies.

A GRAND INSPIRATION.

Sir John Salmond said that he wished them to realise, particularly those who had suffered, that men were not dead who fell in high courage and in a great cause. They lived for those who remained and for those who followed as a great example and a grand inspiration.

Following the unveiling, the provost (Dr. James) said, in the name of the College and school, that he received the tablet with gratitude and reverence. It was a worthy, beautiful and lasting memorial of some of Eton's most gallant sons.

The day on which the school received it (Founder's Day) was a fitting one. It was that which was sacred to the remembrance alike of all who, from the beginning, had helped to establish, enrich, or beautify Eton with material gifts, and of those who had made her to be honoured and beloved by the greater gift of their lives and of their deaths.

Four trumpeters of the Royal Air Force, Uxbridge, sounded the "Last Post" at the end of the ceremony.

AT CAMBRIDGE.

MR. BALDWIN THE GUEST OF HONOUR.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.

Founders' Day at King's College, Cambridge, was observed to-day, and was marked by special services in the College Chapel (when the commemoration of benefactors was also observed), the annual football match between the College choirboys and a team of Fellows, and a College feast in the dining hall, at which the Fellows and scholars were present, together with many old members of the College and distinguished guests.

These proceedings are all of a private character, and although the Chancellor of the University, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, attended the celebrations to-day, and was the guest of honour at the feast, there was no variation of this custom.

The football match between the choirboys and the Fellows, played on the Choir School ground, was not without its humorous side, and although considerably outweighted, the boys proved fleeter of foot than did their opponents, who were beaten by two goals to one. Professor Clapham, in Fellows' goal, was not allowed any respite, being called upon to effect several clearances from shrewd shots sent in by a diminutive right-winger who invariably tumbled over as a result of his exertions.

At Trinity College, A. S. Besicovitch, M.A., and L. Wittgenstein, Ph.D., have been elected to Fellowships.

SECRET CONCLAVE.

I.L.P. CONFER ON RENFREW BEHIND LOCKED DOORS.

Independent Labour Party delegates, including members of the Left Wing of the Labour Party, met in London yesterday at a private conference of the National Executive Committee of the I.L.P.

It is understood that among the topics for discussion were the non-confirmation by the official Labour Party of Mr. Irwin's candidature at Renfrew, and the question of discipline in the Party.

AFTER-DINNER CLUB.

Sir Ernest and Lady Benn will be the host and hostess at the After Dinner Club's "Music" reception this evening at New Burlington Galleries. Walter Widdop, Tatiana Makushina, and "Bratza" will contribute to the programme, with Mr. Percy Kahn at the piano.

Among those who have accepted the club's invitations as guests of honour are:—Mark Hambourg, Mr. Adrian Boult, Mr. T. C. Stobart, and Mr. Gerald Cook, of the B.B.C., and Benno Moiseiwitsch.

CHRISTMAS IN MEDITERRANEAN.

The Blue Star line's second annual Christmas cruise will begin on Friday, December 19, when the Arandora Star will leave Southampton on a 4,500 miles' voyage to the Mediterranean.

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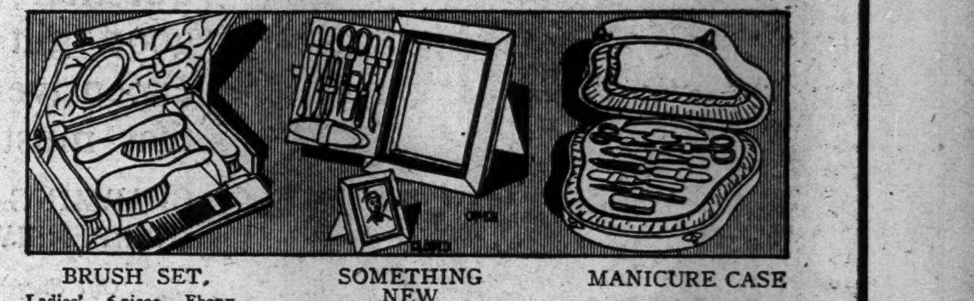

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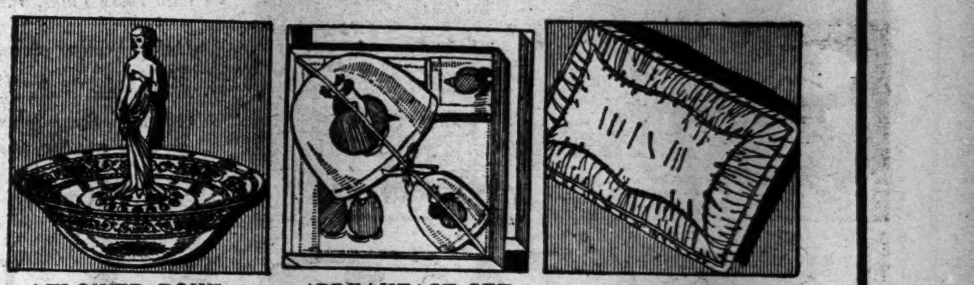

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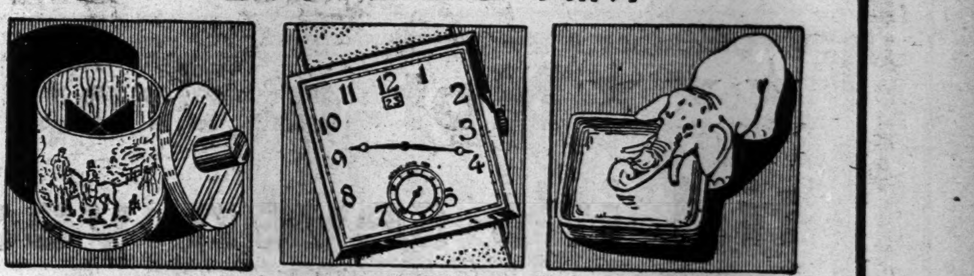

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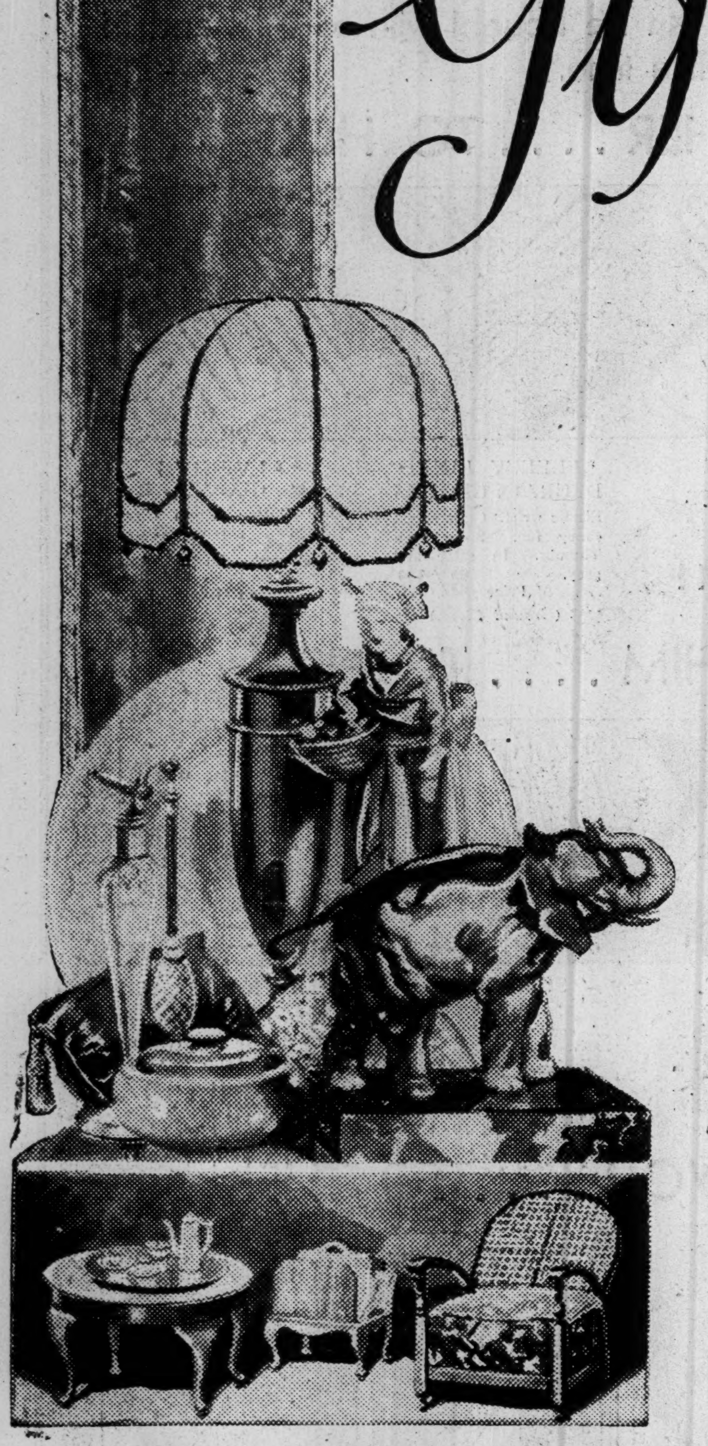

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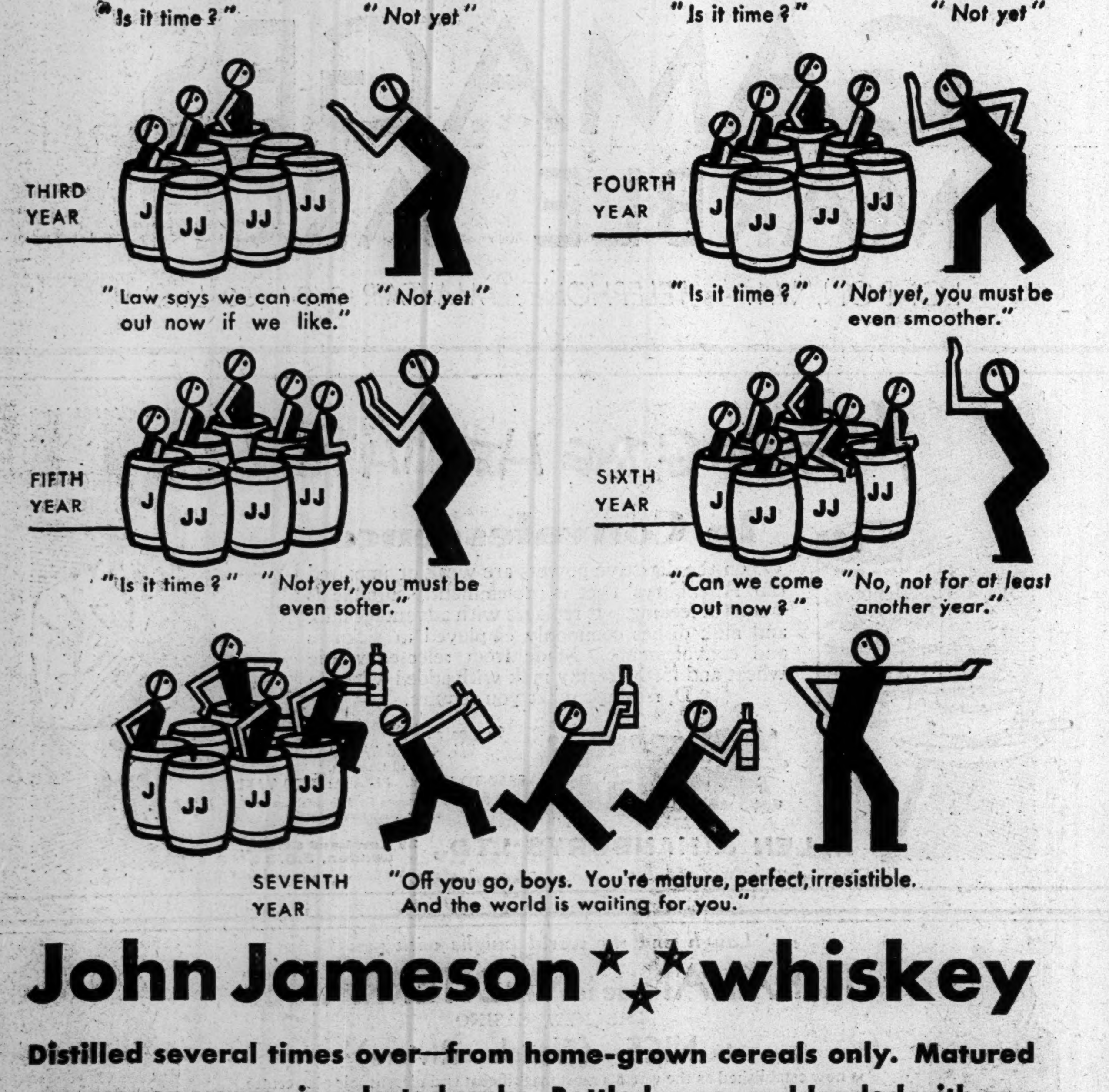

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AN EMERGENCY POLICY.

THE MOSLEY PLAN OF REORGANISATION.

CABINET OF FIVE.

COMMONWEALTH TRADE SCHEME.

The text of the Mosley manifesto was issued yesterday, and is as follows:—

We, the undersigned members of the Labour Party, believe that the nation to-day is faced with a crisis which, in the absence of decisive policy and action, will soon threaten with disaster the industrial life of the nation. Industrial collapse and wage struggles confront us which will bring ruinous results unless they are averted by national policy and action.

To meet that situation we believe that an immediate policy is required more drastic and determined than any policy yet formulated by any Government in the House of Commons. We need an immediate plan to meet the emergency situation, which should be developed without prejudice or preconception to meet the actual facts of the existing situation.

We hold it our duty to say at all costs what we believe, and to invite any in our Party and in the nation who agree with the substance of such policy to state their agreement. We believe:—

PARLIAMENT.

It is impossible to meet the economic crisis with a nineteenth century Parliamentary machine. While the power to maintain or change the Government must, of course, be retained by Parliament, wide powers to deal with the present economic crisis must be vested in the Government of the day for a stated period, subject only to the general control of Parliament.

The whole organisation of the executive machine, Cabinet and departmental structure, must be adapted to the needs of the present situation. An Emergency Cabinet of not more than five Ministers, without portfolio, should be invested with power to carry through the emergency policy. The normal Cabinet or departmental chiefs should be retained for less frequent meetings to deal with normal business.

THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING.

The world conditions on which our former relative prosperity was built have entirely changed. Many of the great basic industries in which we specialised have lost their former predominance in these changed conditions. The spread of industrialisation throughout the world confronts us with a problem of readjustment which must precede recovery.

For ten years Parliament and the country have refused to face the facts; we must now find a way of compressing into a short period the readjustments we failed to carry out in the last decade. A national economic planning organisation is as essential to-day to the future prosperity of Britain as rationalisation has been recognised to be essential to the survival of separate industries.

Such a national plan must be worked out to adjust the balance of British production to the new conditions prevailing in the world. A new balance between agricultural and industrial production must be created, together with an elasticity and adaptability of industry which is essential to survival in a changed world.

The resources of the State should be mobilised to assist in the development of new industries, and to secure the modernisation and re-equipment of industry, especially in the sphere of coal, oil, electricity, and transport.

In brief, we suggest that the rationalisation of separate industries must have its complement in the co-ordination, the balance, and the guidance which only a national planning organisation can give.

THE CONTROL OF IMPORTS.

Before we can plan we must control and regulate the factors which prevent the wise direction of our production. The home market must be the future basis of British trade, and that home market depends on the high purchasing power of the people, which, in turn, depends upon high wages.

Purchasing power can only be maintained and increased if the wages and conditions of the workers are sheltered from the present crisis in world conditions, such as price fluctuation, organised dumping, and the competition of sweated labour. Neither the Protection nor the Free Trade of the last century is effective for this purpose—a modern machine must be created to meet the new situation.

AGRICULTURE.

In the sphere of agriculture we propose for foodstuffs and raw materials the method of the Import Control Board long advocated by our Party, which we believe to be the most effective method of meeting price fluctuation and dumping.

The agriculturist should be guaranteed a stable and economic price for his basic products. The consumer should be guaranteed that prices shall not rise. The organisation of the production, processing, and orderly marketing of agricultural produce behind the shelter of the Import Control Board should be sufficient to achieve both these purposes without permanent charge on the exchequer.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

We recognise, however, that the method of Import Control Board cannot be applied to the whole of industry with sufficient rapidity. In this sphere we are ready to accept the recently suggested method of the Commodity Board.

This organisation would be representative of both producers and users of any commodity involved, and would employ either licence or tariff for the control of foreign imports. We prefer the method of licence, but recognise that a tariff is more convenient in many cases, especially in miscellaneous and luxury articles.

A protective tariff should only be imposed on conditions as to the efficiency of the industry protected, the price of the article supplied by that industry, and the wages of the workers employed in that industry.

The objection to the tariff proposals of the Conservative Party is that tariffs so applied would provide shelter for inefficiency and would depreciate real wages by enabling some manufacturers to increase their profits through a rise in the price of the article to the consumer.

The machinery we suggest would overcome this objection and the protection afforded would be a genuine stabiliser of industrial conditions, instead of a prize thrown to vested interests at the expense of the consumer. Industry should not charge a higher price for an article under a tariff than the price of a corresponding foreign article, unless it can be shown that the difference in price is due solely to the higher wages paid in this country.

To the worker we say that he does not benefit by prices so low as to mean starvation wages for him; to the manufacturer we say that an advantage conferred by the State exacts from him an obligation to the State that he shall maintain efficiency in his industry and the lowest price compatible with decent wages.

EXPORT TRADE AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

But national planning is not enough. Our export trade is likely to be faced with increasing difficulty in present world conditions. Every step should be taken to maintain and promote it by reorganisation and by trade agreements with all nations. Centralised purchase of our foodstuffs should give us powerful leverage to secure acceptance of our exports in return.

Excellent opportunities clearly exist for the early conclusion of such agreements in the British Commonwealth, not only on sentimental, but also on business grounds. The Dominions have for the most part foodstuffs and raw materials to sell, and we have manufactured goods to sell.

This natural balance of trade should be developed under a Commonwealth plan of mutual advantage, which will not conflict with the maintenance and development of trade with all other nations. We should aim at building within the Commonwealth a civilisation high enough to absorb the production of modern machinery, which for the purpose must be largely insulated from wrecking forces in the rest of the world.

PLANNING OF CONSTRUCTIVE WORKS.

Such a national plan of economic reconstruction, which would create the conditions in which normal industry would become prosperous within a limited period of years, would justify capital expenditure on an ambitious short-term policy, which could also make its contribution to the improvement of national efficiency.

A short-term policy of constructive works would enable us to bridge the gulf between the present crisis and the fruition of our long-term policy, and is essential to preserve national efficiency and the capacity to work.

Periods like the present should be used to modernise Britain. We believe that only the will and the power to cut through the intolerable network of governmental and municipal procedure are needed to make possible the early provision of work on schemes of urgent and immediate importance.

HOUSING.

In addition to constructive works already detailed in Parliamentary debate, we suggest an attack by direct action on the great problems of slum clearance and rehousing in decent conditions an important proportion of the workers of our industrial cities. Nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of using a very large number of our unemployed men on this vital task.

We suggest that the only method by which this can be done is that the State should constitute a public utility organisation to turn out houses and building materials as we turned out munitions during the war. The whole deadlock of subsidies, overburdened municipal finances, and builders' prices must be cut through.

FINANCE AND TAXATION.

In finance we should pursue a producer's policy. The producer, whether manufacturer or worker, has been penalised for ten years by a financial policy which benefits the bondholder and handicaps production. The first concern of financial policy must be the maintenance of industry, and this demands a stable price level.

In framing a Budget any surplus of revenue derived from duties, after the present serious financial situation has been met, should be devoted broadly to three purposes:—

(1) The payment of interest charges arising on loans for constructive works.

(2) The removal of some of the burdens on the food and prime necessities of the working class, when national planning has ensured that the consumer derives the benefit.

(3) The reduction of taxation on the hard-earned incomes of the skilled technical and managerial workers, by whose labours and organising ability industry is conducted.

Further funds should be provided for such purposes by some postponement, until reconstruction, of the precipitate attempt to repay the War Debt from the taxation of this generation. We recognise that only by national reconstruction shall we maintain a volume of revenue sufficient to prevent an attack upon the social services.

That is a substantial factor in our anxiety to begin reorganisation. By a greater efficiency in Government we should get better value for money, but as the present Government has found, no great improvement is possible in present revenue conditions. Reorganisation must come before the next advance.

NECESSITY FOR ACTION.

In the advancement of this immediate policy we surrender nothing of our Socialist faith. The immediate question is not a question of the ownership, but of the survival of British industry. Let us put through an emergency programme to meet the national danger; afterwards political debate on fundamental principle can be resumed.

The country cannot wait; above all, the working-class cannot wait in face of the almost universal attack on wages and the standard of life with which they are threatened in the present situation. We want action now to meet national emergency.

Therefore we advance an immediate programme which we claim to be both more advanced and realistic than anything attempted or proposed by any Government. But we believe the general principles of that programme will secure some agreement among many who view with increasing anxiety the slow drift of the nation to disaster and are prepared for drastic measures to meet that danger.

The Manifesto is signed by:—

Oliver Baldwin, M.P. (Dudley), J. Batey, M.P. (Durham, Spennymoor), A. Bevan, M.P. (Ebbw Vale), W. J. Brown, M.P. (Wolverhampton West), A. J. Cook (general secretary, Miners' Federation of Great Britain), W. G. Cove, M.P. (Aberavon), Dr. R. Forgan, M.P. (West Renfrewshire), J. Lovat Fraser, M.P. (Lichfield), J. F. Horrabin, M.P. (Peterborough), S. F. Markham, M.P. (Chatham), John McGovern, M.P. (Shettleston), J. J. McShane, M.P. (Walsall), Cynthia Mosley, M.P. (Stoke), Oswald Mosley, M.P. (Smethwick), H. T. Muggeridge, M.P. (Romford), M. Phillips Price, M.P. (Whitehaven), C. J. Simmons, M.P. (Birmingham, Erdington), and E. J. Strachey, M.P. (Birmingham, Aston).

FORGED CERTIFICATE.

SOLICITOR'S CLERK IN THE DOCK.

A solicitor's clerk, William Clement Williams (28), of Percy Cottages, Knightsbridge, was at Marlborough Street yesterday committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court on a charge of forging and uttering a Land Registry document—a charge certificate, at 4, Berners Street, between September 25, 1926, and October 31, 1926. He pleaded "Not Guilty," and reserved his defence. Bail was allowed.

Mr. E. Clayton, who prosecuted, stated that for nine years Williams had been in the employ of Messrs. E. G. Greenwell and Co., solicitors. In July, 1926, he was handed a charge certificate and a mortgage of £75,000 to take to the Land Registry for the purpose of registering the mortgage. He was also handed the fees, amounting to £79 15s. It was alleged that Williams afterwards altered the charge certificate, and when it was wanted again by his employers four years later, an entirely different document was produced. The original document could not be found at the Land Registry office.

Williams, continued Mr. Clayton, was seen and, he alleged, made a clean admission. He said he had used the money for gambling.

Mr. Frederick Johnson, a member of the firm of solicitors, gave evidence, and stated there were erasures on the cover of the charge certificate. The figure on the mortgage, and the date, had also been altered.

ALLEGED THEFT OF £500 IN NOTES

Harry George Deveson, aged 57, a decorator, of Bargate House, Sea Street, Herne Bay, was charged at Herne Bay yesterday with stealing between March 18 and October 28 fifty-one £5 notes and 245 £1 notes, the property of Emily Ann Phillips, of Kia Ora, Alma Road, Herne Bay. Arthur George Holt, baker, of Fleetwood Maisonettes, Fleetwood Avenue, Herne Bay, was charged with receiving the notes knowing them to have been stolen.

They were remanded in custody until Wednesday.

MR. SCULLIN IN PARIS.

PARIS, Saturday.

Mr. Scullin, the Australian Prime Minister, arrived here this morning from his visit to the battlefields. He will spend two days here seeing the sights and resting before leaving for Milan and Florence.

Later he will go on to Rome, and will take the boat at Naples.—Reuter.

A NEW MAID OR MANSERVANT?—The help you require may be found in the Situations Bureau columns of the SUNDAY TIMES, or obtainable by advertising for it. The rate is 1s. a line. See page 29.

TELEPHONES OF THE WORLD.

34 MILLION IN USE.

SWITZERLAND AHEAD OF BRITAIN.

Statistics published in "The Telegraph and Telephone Journal" show that there were approximately 34,400,000 telephones in use at December 31, 1929, representing an increase of nearly a million and three-quarters on 1928.

During the period reviewed Europe increased its total by 773,000 (or 8.4 per cent.), as compared with North America's increase of 816,000 (3.9 per cent.).

It is unlikely, it is stated, that Europe's total for 1930 will be less than 10,500,000, representing an increase of almost exactly 100 per cent. on its total for 1920, the first post-war year for which full statistics could be collected.

During the same ten years it is estimated that North America will have increased to 22,500,000, or little over 50 per cent. on the 14,355,000 telephones it contained in 1920.

In Asia the total of telephones in use in 1929 was 1,265,000, an increase of 60,000 on the previous year, and in Africa the total rose from 205,000 to 224,000.

TELEPHONES AND POPULATION.

The following table shows the number of telephones per 100 inhabitants in the principal telephone-using countries:—

1. United States, 16.9.	9. Germany, 5.0.
2. Canada, 14.4.	10. Great Britain, 4.2.
3. New Zealand, 10.8	11. Netherlands, 3.7.
4. Denmark, 9.4.	12. Finland, 3.4.
5. Sweden, 8.3.	13. Austria, 3.23
6. Australia, 8.2.	14. Belgium, 3.2.
7. Norway, 6.6.	15. France, 2.6.
8. Switzerland, 6.5.	16. Argentina, 2.4.

The large cities which top the list in telephone development are—in the following order—New York (1,811,410 telephones), Chicago, London (661,977), Berlin, Philadelphia, Boston, Los Angeles, Paris, Detroit, and San Francisco.

San Francisco, with an index figure of 34, has more telephones per 100 of population than any other large city in the world.

HUSBAND FOUND MURDERED.

AXE CLUE IN BRUTAL CRIME.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEWCASTLE, Saturday.

Returning from a visit to a cinema to her home in Oliver Street, South Moor, last night, Mrs. Benfold found her husband, Charles Benfold (37), a hawker, murdered.

Benfold was lying on a bed, with his head battered in. He was half-dressed, and the body was covered by an overcoat. No disturbance had been heard by neighbours, nor had two collie dogs, which were in the house, given an alarm, but there was evidence of a struggle in the disordered state of the room.

Earlier in the day Benfold had gone to Newcastle to sell a number of canaries. It is not yet definitely established whether he sold the birds or not, but if he did he would have had a fair sum of money on him. It is understood that no money was found in the house, and this suggests robbery as the motive for the murder.

The police discovered a heavy chopping axe, bearing blood-stains, in the house. An early arrest is expected.

The inquest will be opened on Monday.

WATCHFUL POLICE.

STORY OF MEN'S ATTACK ON MESSENGER BOY.

How two policemen watched and later arrested two men who are alleged to have waylaid and robbed a messenger boy was described at Westminster Police-court yesterday.

John Bussey, 21, described as a shop assistant, of Pulford Street, Pimlico, and Frederick James Braithwaite, 19, labourer, giving an address at Auckland Street, Vauxhall, were charged before Mr. Boyd with robbing with violence William Henry Deadman, a messenger boy employed by J. Halden and Co., Ltd., Petty France, S.W. It was alleged that a despatch bag containing ten letters and a post-office letter pass, valued at 10s., were stolen.

Deadman said that while he was walking through Horseshoe Alley on Friday afternoon Bussey and Braithwaite jumped on him from behind. He was struck several sharp blows on the head and his bag was stolen. The men ran off, but one was stopped by a man passing along the street, and further along the other was also stopped.

Police-constable Latter, who was on plain clothes duty at the time, stated that before the alleged robbery he saw Bussey and Braithwaite. Their actions made him suspicious, and he followed them when they moved off. In Petty France Braithwaite raised his hand as if in signal to Bussey, and the next he saw of the men was them running, with a police officer following. He ran after them and caught Bussey. Braithwaite he found in charge of another officer.

Police-constable Barrett said he watched Braithwaite and Bussey for half an hour. When Braithwaite gave the signal with his hand Bussey ran towards him.

"When the men began to run," added the officer, "I ran after them, and saw them go up to Deadman. There was a scuffle, in which I saw hands raised as if to strike. Bussey snatched the bag, and with Braithwaite turned and ran towards me. Just before they reached me Bussey threw the bag at me and ran off. I arrested Braithwaite and followed with the bag, and then found Bussey in the custody of Police-constable Latter."

Bussey told the magistrate that when they met Deadman they had a sudden temptation and took the bag away from him. Braithwaite made a similar statement.

Both were committed for trial at the Old Bailey.

MAGISTRATE'S LUCK.

FORTY TO ONE CHANCE "COMES OFF" IN COURT.

A forty to one chance "came off" at Croydon County Police Court yesterday while the Bench was hearing summonses in in connection with allowing gaming at a coffee shop.

A police officer said that he saw several lads place coppers in a domino machine without getting anything in return. Two gaming-boards, known as "Brewer" boards, were then brought out. One board had a thousand holes in it, into one of which the player would place a plug, but the chance of winning anything was forty to one against.

The Chairman (Sir Arthur Spurgeon) tried his luck with what, in the ordinary way, would be a penny chance and "won" sixpence. "This is sheer gambling," he commented.

Edith Banting, of Balham, was fined £2 for allowing gaming at her coffee shop at High Street, Colliers Wood, and Reginald Wheatley, also of Balham, £2 for aiding and abetting.

LOVING CUP INSURANCE: £5,000.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Sir Thomas Lipton has insured his "loving cup," given by the American people to the "world's best loser," for £5,000. He leaves for England in the Leviathan to-day, bringing the cup with him.—Reuter.

MOTOR-HORN HARMONY.

Dr. Waldo, the Southwark coroner, expressed the view yesterday that it would be a good thing if all motor-horns in London made a uniform noise.

AFTER THE MINES DISPUTE.

LABOUR TROUBLES IN FOUR TRADES.

RAILWAY WAGES THE NEXT PROBLEM

MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

By OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT.

After a period of quiescence which had prevailed since the conclusion of the labour upheavals of the year 1926, industry has again reached one of its periodic phases of unrest. The mining troubles have been disposed of, at least for a time, but other problems await solution.

In the first place the railways are a centre of dispute. The companies have made a demand for wage reductions which have been rejected by every one of the sixty or so unions in which railway workers are enrolled. This week the next steps in the dispute must be taken.

On Wednesday representatives of the three principal unions will meet the managers to give formal notice of the men's decisions. They will be informed of the companies' views on the counter-claims presented on behalf of the men.

That there will be failure to agree or even to arrive at a compromise by negotiation at this stage is a foregone conclusion, but a deadlock will not have immediate effect. Under the procedure of the conciliation machinery there is no danger of any crisis being reached before Christmas.

COAL AND COMPROMISE.

Events in the mining dispute moved in accordance with the forecast made in the SUNDAY TIMES—that the spreadover would provide the [illegible] for reaching settlements. It was found impossible to induce the second delegate conference to reverse the first decision against the spreadover. The officials of the Federation were driven to the expedient of evading the delegates' bar by referring the matter to the districts.

It should be made clear that the district decisions—contrary to the reports made in some quarters—will not in any circumstances be acted upon should they be adverse to the spreadover. Their presentation is no more than a formality. No Federation meeting has been arranged to receive the district replies, which will be sent by Mr. A. J. Cook, the secretary, and will then be pigeon-holed.

The Scottish miners—the only workers involved in a stoppage—are to resume immediately. The settlement agreed to by the men on Friday was endorsed yesterday at a meeting of the Coal Conciliation Board in Glasgow.

LANCASHIRE WEAVERS.

Difficulties have to be faced in the cotton trade. Notice has been served upon 200,000 Lancashire workers of the employers' intention to operate from January 5 the system of more looms per weaver. The weavers have refused authority to their central committee to negotiate on the wage terms which have been offered.

According to their secretary, Mr. A. E. Naesmith, the new proposals involve on six looms a reduction of 10 per cent., on eight looms of 31 per cent., and on ten looms 42 per cent. on present piece rates. The employers contend that actually earnings will be considerably improved.

BOOTS AND BUILDING.

The boot and shoe manufacturing industry is also involved in a dispute. Negotiations on a demand for new wage scales and a shorter working week have reached a deadlock. Unless in the meantime a compromise can be effected, discussions between masters and men are likely finally to break down. The union, which has not been involved in a national strike for years, may then be faced with a call for drastic action. Arbitration is a possible alternative.

The building industry, too, is facing difficult problems of wages and working conditions. The Operatives' Federation has given six months' notice to end the national agreement, and next month critical negotiations will be opened.

SPANISH ELECTIONS.

REPUBLICANS TO FIGHT.

MADRID, Saturday.

The election campaign opens to-morrow. The Minister of the Interior has already received more than 200 applications to licence meetings and other preliminary demonstrations.

Despite the resolution adopted by the Republican Party not to put candidates in the field, all parties will contest the elections, including Republicans and Socialists, wherever they can see a hope of making a successful fight.—Exchange.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

AN UNPUBLISHED LETTER.

To the Editor of the SUNDAY TIMES.

Sir,—The very interesting review of Elizabeth Haldane's "Mrs. Gaskell and Her Friends" in the SUNDAY TIMES quotes the eminent Victorian novelist as saying of Florence Nightingale: "She has no friend—and she wants none." I think in this connection you may care to print a letter to my grandmother which I am certain has never been published before:—

Lea Hurst, October 16 [the year is 1849, as shown by the postmark].

My Dear Mrs Hannah,—

I should say that I have been intending to write to you every day for the last two months, if it were not that "good intentions, etc."—the proverb is somewhat musty.

I must now congratulate ourselves that our boy is going to return to your and Mr. Hannah's castigation and care—a very comfortable reflection to me and to all of us and also, I am sure, to him—i.e., to the better part of him and with the better part of our fellow-creatures I suppose we always want to live.

You have not been to see us—as you faithfully promised. Wherefore I am justified in concluding, inasmuch as you are a woman of truth, that you have not been in England.

We are all of us most anxious to secure this pleasure—of seeing you when you do come—and therefore I make bold to trouble you with a small Itinerary or Guide Book of our important movements, for the time when you revisit England.

Lea Hurst, Matlock, Derbyshire, is our summer direction.

Embley, Romsey, Hampshire, our winter one, 30, Old Burlington Street our spring one.

Now promise that you will not forget us, but give us some day the opportunity of renewing an acquaintance begun by your kindness in Edinburgh.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

My grandfather at the time was rector of the Edinburgh Academy.

Forest Row, Sussex. IAN C. HANNAH.

THE KING'S FAT CATTLE.

The King's fat cattle from his Windsor farms will be sold on Tuesday at Slough Christmas cattle show and sale. The stock will include thirty-six fat cattle, Aberdeen-Angus and Herefords, forty-six Southdown sheep, and sixteen fat pigs

Buyers from all parts of the kingdom will be present at the sale.

The other stock entered for the show include 200 bullocks, 500 sheep, and 400 hogs and porkers.

LADIES' THEATRICAL GUILD.

Princess Royal will attend the annual meeting of the Theatrical Ladies' Guild at the Haymarket Theatre on Friday, and will present badges to the successful "Bee" workers. Miss Irene Vanbrugh, president, will preside.

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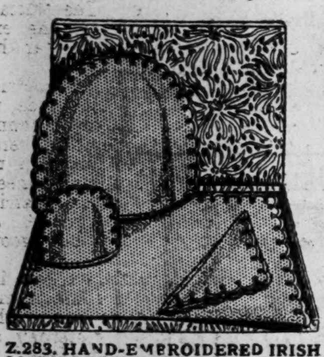

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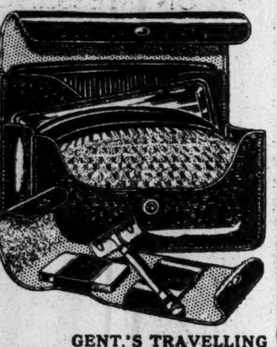

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FIRST COMMISSIONER'S DECISION.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

EDINBURGH, Saturday.

A protest has reached Mr. George Lansbury, First Commissioner of Works, in connection with a Roman Catholic service which was held in the old nave of Dunfermline Abbey on the occasion of a St. Margaret's Day pilgrimage of the Catholic Truth Society of Scotland, and in consequence the Minister has decided that henceforth no services can be permitted to be held there by any religious body.

In fact, Mr. Lansbury has already refused the Scottish Reformation Society, who, following the action of the Roman Catholics, desired to hold a Protestant service. He explains that the Edinburgh officer to whom the Catholic Truth Society made application had no reason to suppose that it was intended to hold any service. He therefore granted the request as a special concession. The nave is not ordinarily open to visitors on Sundays—except when services are being held in the modern church.

THE ROMAN SERVICE.

"It appears," says the First Commissioner, "that when the pilgrimage reached the Abbey hymns were sung in the nave accompanied by a band. Afterwards the Rosary was recited, and a sermon was preached in the nave. In view of the special circumstances at Dunfermline Abbey it was rather unfortunate that the ceremonies should have taken place on a Sunday in such close proximity to the Parish Church.

"I think that the lesson to be learnt from the whole incident is that in future we must try to discountenance all manifestations of religious activities in the nave at Dunfermline."

ENDANGERING LIFE

COSTS CYCLIST LESS THAN NO LIGHT.

A curious anomaly in the new Traffic Act was pointed out by Sir Arthur Spurgeon, the chairman of Croydon County Bench, when hearing summonses yesterday.

He said that the maximum penalty for riding a pedal cycle without a front light had been raised from 40s. to £5 under the new law, but the maximum fine for riding a pedal cycle "to endanger the life and limb of any person" remained at 40s.

The summonses concerned a young man cycling with a companion riding on the front carrier of the cycle, which had no front light, although the passenger was carrying a torch. The passenger was lying on a large mattress, and danger arose from the unwieldly load causing the machine to wobble, more or less out of control.

Each man was fined 30s.

YESTERDAY'S MUSIC.

FINE PROGRAMME BY TRINITY COLLEGE.

Queen's Hall was occupied by Trinity College of Music for their usual term-end concert of choral and orchestral music. A long and varied programme bore witness to the methods of refinement which are so gratifying a feature of modern-day training in the most elusive of the arts.

Perhaps nowhere were finer shades of value more evident than in the Delius symphonic poem, "In a Summer Garden." Mr. John Barbirolli secured from the orchestra, in which the majority of the strings and some of the wood-wind represented the student element, a reading that showed realisation on all hands of the poetic ideas contained within the shell of the music, even if that shell was not quite perfect in contour.

The Weber Overture, "Ruler of the Spirits," and Mozart's Symphony in C, No. 34, were the other purely orchestral numbers. But there was also the Grieg piano concerto, in which this conductor's spirited and precise beat kept the fabric intact.

As usual, the platform was expeditiously cleared for the singers when Mr. Charles Kennedy Scott appeared to direct solely choral pieces. Delicate judgment was again in the ascendant as regards the four modern settings by Alec Rowley of the words of old carols. In attack, balance and nuance the singers showed a high standard of choral technique, which had previously been tested in other ways by the Bach cantata, "Alles nur nach, Gottes Willen.

PROFESSOR D. F. TOVEY.

At Wigmore Hall Professor Donald F. Tovey gave his second recital, confined to piano music by Brahms. Once again he applied his analytical, rather than synthetical, powers to laying bare the structure of the Sonata in F sharp minor, Op. 2, four Ballades, Op. 10, and the first and second sets of Paganini variations.

Profitable as the experience was for the initiated student of these works, some of the charm of colouring that was surely an essential and integral part of Brahms's music eluded expression, and the surface, as against the deeper rhythm, suffered, as usual, from some irregularities. But, equally as usual, the characteristics of each movement were unerringly indicated. H. F.

"REDS'" CAMOUFLAGE.

FASCIST MEETING ENDS IN A MELEE.

STOCKHOLM, Saturday.

Communists, wearing uniforms resembling those of the Soviet beneath their coats, made an entry into a meeting here last night of the Fascist party, which is small, and until recently has not made any great public demonstration.

The Communists threw off their coats when the meeting had started, and caused a disturbance. A battle of fists followed, in which a number of both sides were injured. Police officers were called in to end the affray.—Reuter.

"SNAKE-AND-LADDER" VOYAGE.

Replying to a message of congratulation from the people of Letchworth, Flight-Lieut. C. W. Hill, who attempted a record flight to Australia, but crashed 500 miles short of his goal, says, "I am hoping to get my aeroplane rebuilt at Sourabaya, but, if not possible, I shall take it with me to Brisbane and get it done there."

He added that the journey by boat, for which he had to wait eight days, from Atembua (Timor) to Sourabaya was like a "snake and ladder game."

LADIES' CARLTON CLUB.

The Executive and Political Committee of the Ladies' Carlton Club are giving a luncheon to ladies of the Indian Delegation on Wednesday to meet the Duchess of Atholl, M.P., and Viscountess Astor, M.P. To-morrow the club is holding a Bridge Tournament, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to its political "Fighting Fund."

A workers' corps has been established which supplies, where needed, canvassers and clerical assistance in London constituencies, and also provides entertainers for weekly meetings of the "Fuchsia Clubs" run under the auspices of the Ladies' Carlton.

STEELBULWARK OF FRANCE.

FRONTIER FORTS AND DUG-OUTS.

SUBTERRANEAN MAZES.

ELECTRIC FANS TO FOIL POISON GAS.

METZ, France.

Engineers of the French Army are pushing steadily on with the work of forging the steel line of France's frontier fortifications, which will be the mightiest military bulwark in the history of the world.

It will be another three years before the chain of modern forts encircling France will be completed. The plans call for 300 of these costly strongposts on the Franco-German frontier alone. The French Government takes the view that any disarmament decisions taken at Geneva will not affect the construction of this wall of defence.

Along the 300 kilometres (about 187 miles) of the borders of Alsace and Lorraine the 300 forts, large and small, which represent the latest product of the science of war, are already taking shape. These strongposts of steel and concrete, built to withstand the horrors of the most scientific forms of warfare, are placed at intervals of a kilometre (about ⅝ths of a mile) all along this frontier.

ON THE ITALIAN BORDER.

In the south-east more military engineers are digging a similar fortified line along the Franco-Italian frontier. On the French side of the Alps they are constructing "pillboxes" on precarious mountain perches, fixing gun emplacements for large and small ordnance, and tunnelling dug-outs and shelters.

One of the most interesting studies in this scheme are the iron links in the chain stretching along the Rhine. Some of the forts are small, capable of harbouring only twelve to fifteen men; others are larger and more powerfully armed; whilst the biggest of all are the catacomb arsenals such as that at Hackenburg, before Metz, which is more redoubtable by far than Verdun. The system is so planned that cross-fire from the forts, large and small, should make the chain unbreakable.

The old method of defence devised by Sere de Rivieras, which served France from 1870, and was the foundation of the Great War defences, has been wiped out. Under this superseded system the frontier defences stood back from the borders, accepting from the start the principle of loss of territory. The present line is hard up against the frontier, not allowing the hypothetical enemy an inch of space on French soil. Even along the Alsace stretch of the Rhine the forts are close to the water's edge, while each of the twenty-three points at which the river could be crossed are commanded by a semicircle of imposing defences.

TRAVELLING FORTRESSES.

In only a few instances have fortifications devised during the last war proved of any further use, and in nearly every such case the fort has had to be designed anew and rebuilt from the foundations, far below earth, to the concrete domes from which the guns peep forth. The new fortifications do not include trench systems, but the need for the construction of trenches in the teeth of an attack is provided for. For this purpose the military engineers have evolved something new in the way of armoured trains.

A long train of special construction is to be kept in readiness at each important railway junction. This train, which can be rushed to any threatened point, is more a travelling fortress than train. It carries both light and heavy artillery, trench-digging apparatus, and barbed wire, and while the troops dig in this travelling fortress can give heavy covering fire. The link between the 300 new forts on the northern frontier is subterranean. Tunnels connect every concrete emplacement, and then lead back to steel and cement barracks, where reserves are concentrated. Thus reserve forces, unfatigued by the rigours of life in support trenches, are always ready to hand.

These reserve barracks, like the front-line forts, are elaborately constructed and equipped. They are electrically fitted throughout, and, like the forts, have electric fans to sweep away poison gas. They are equipped with electric kitchens, telephones, baths, and practically all other "home comforts" to make a war of the future an affair of luxury compared with the last war. Each of the underground barracks is costing several millions of francs, and in building them engineers have discovered in several places traces of old Roman camps.

IRON, STEEL, AND CEMENT.

Mightiest of these new forts, each one different from the other, are the Hackenberg and Hochwald strongposts. The Hackenberg construction is a subterranean maze, deeper in the earth than many coal-mines. Throughout this maze run electric trains, power and light cables, and an intricate telephone system. In contrast, the Hochwald fort is almost entirely on the surface, being a formidable arc of iron, steel, and cement.

Some of the forts are hidden in forests, while others are built in marshy stretches of the Rhine. These latter are a triumph of engineering. Giant caissons were first sunk in the marshy waters, the water was drained off, and replaced by cement to form the foundations. On top of this were placed layer upon layer of cement and steel to form the fortress. The chain of forts on this part of the frontier sweeps from near Basle northwards. It ends at Luxembourg and begins again at the Belgian frontier.

The Franco-Luxembourg frontier is thus left open, this being the only possible point where a wedge could be driven through the steel chain, but even this would prove most difficult for any invader. Thus France will sit safely behind a line of forts which extend from the Mediterranean to the English Channel.—British United Press.

BURIED ALIVE IN A STEAMER'S HOLD?

MISSING DOCK WORKER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CARDIFF, Saturday.

Buried alive under any many tons of coal and carried to sea in a Greek steamer bound for Angona, without anyone being aware of his presence, is believed to be the terrible fate of John Edwards (48), a Cardiff dock worker.

Edwards was last seen in the hold of the steamship Georgeois M. Livanos, shortly before a cargo of coal was tipped into the hold. Edwards's mate states that he waited ashore for Edwards, who did not return.

The police are endeavouring to get in touch with the steamer.

LUCKY THIRTEEN.

Such a hand as bridge-players dream of came to Mr. Ray Nunan when he was playing auction bridge at Montreal, says the British United Press.

He was dealt a hand of 13 spades. Preserving a good "poker face" he slyly bid a mere five spades, was doubled and redoubled.

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A ROMAN TABLE SERVICE.

DISCOVERED IN RUINS OF POMPEII.

TREASURE CHEST OF UNTOLD VALUE.

NAPLES, Saturday.

One of the richest treasures offerel, even by the wealth of ruined Pompeii, was found yesterday. A wooden chest, a good deal damaged by time, was discovered in a house in the Via Della Abbondanza, where excavations have been going on for some time.

The chest contained a vast assortment of gold and silver objects, and must have been the safe of some patrician family, for besides magnificent gold earrings, bracelets, rings, necklaces, mirrors, and scent-bottles, it contained an entire table service for four persons, consisting of spoons, forks, plates, goblets, and various dishes. There were also some gold and silver coins of Republican and Imperial dates. The whole collection is of untold value.

The discovery is said to be superior in artistic worth to that from the Boscoreale in the Louvre at Paris. An inventory of the articles is being made.—Reuter.

ELECTRIC FENCES FOR GAOLS.

TO PREVENT ESCAPES.

A new rule has been embodied in the Bengal gaol code empowering the authorities to enclose any gaol or a portion of it by electrified fences or entanglements with a view to preventing escapes from gaols.

Inmates of gaols will be warned (says Reuter) that such fences would kill or seriously injure anyone coming in contact with them. Notices marked "Danger" will be posted in English and the vernacular of the Presidency both inside and outside the fence at convenient distances, and employees of gaols will not be responsible for injury or death caused to any persons by the coming into contact with the fences.

AUCTIONS & ESTATES.

1,100 ACRES IN YORKSHIRE FOR SALE.

Over a mile of trout fishing in the famous Elmswell and Driffield Becks will be included in the sale of the Elmswell estate, adjoining Great Driffield. Knight, Frank and Rutley will offer this property to auction early in the new year.

The estate extends to 1,100 acres and includes Elmswell House, a comfortable residence of moderate size erected by the late Lord Londesborough in 1856, three farms and Elmswell Old Hall, an attractive small Jacobean manor house.

On Tuesday at Saffron Walden, Knight, Frank and Rutley will offer by auction freehold properties in Newport, Essex, for the executors of the late Adele Lady Meyer. These comprise the village hall, standing in the centre of the village, also the hand laundry and cottage at the north end of the village, with land having 185 ft. of frontage.

Illustrated particulars of Twitts Ghyll, Mayfield, Sussex, have been issued by Knight, Frank and Rutley, who are to submit it to auction on January 8. This beautiful sixteenth century country house has been occupied by Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain for ten years. Some 9½ acres and two cottages are included in the sale.

The freehold Georgian house, 104, Cheyne Walk, is to be offered by auction by Knight, Frank and Rutley in the New Year. The Hanover Square firm have also received instructions to sell Gayfere House, Smith Square, Westminster, a modern freehold house built on Georgian lines.

Ellis and Sons will offer at their estate rooms, Dover Street, W.1, on Tuesday a freehold residence, Cartref, Ellesmere Road, Weybridge, which stands in a secluded position on sandy soil. The house is of pre-war build, and possesses every comfort and convenience. There are 1¾ acres of well-timbered gardens, with tennis lawn.

It is announced by Knight, Frank and Rutley that they have disposed of Inshes House and the remainder of the estate of Inshes, near Inverness, thus completing the sale of the whole property. The estate extends to an area of 1,185 acres, the total rental being £1,225 per annum. Borrans, Chobham, a residential property extending to about 9½ acres, has also been sold by the same firm, who have found a purchaser for Huish House, a country residence with about 18 acres at Winterborne-Zelstone, Dorsetshire (in conjunction with R. B. Taylor and Son, of Yeovil).

By private treaty, in advance of the auction arranged for December 17, George Trollope and Sons have disposed of No. 21, Berkeley Square. They have also sold Staplehurst Place, Kent, a Georgian residence, formerly The Dower House to the adjoining Iden Manor estate.

Harrods, instructed by the Trustee in Bankruptcy, announce the sale (in conjunction with Mr. W. D. Hollis), of the Aldsworth, Woodmancote, and East Marden estates, near Chichester, lately owned by Mr. H. S. Horne. The estate extends to over 3,100 acres, and forms one of the finest shoots in the South of England. The farm buildings, cottages, and bloodstock stabling were built on model lines, and the sale embodied most of the cottages in two picturesque villages.

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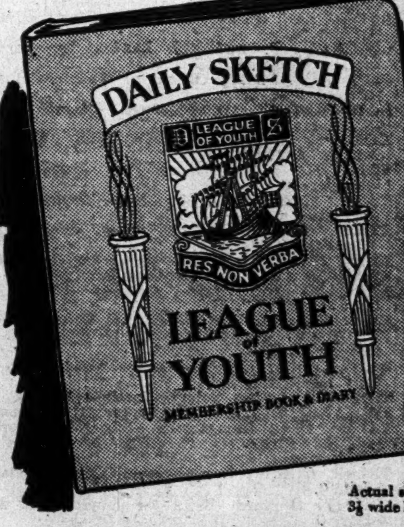

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD, Saturday.

The Merton Floats have been planning a really full-dress performance for some time, and this week, for three nights, they produced Massinger's "A New Way to Pay Old Debts." The object of the production was more or less to recapture the atmosphere in which Edmund Kean used to act the play, and in the best spirit of the Lyric, Hammersmith, to present a typically eighteenth-century production.

To this end a good deal of London talent was called down to Oxford. Sir Nigel Playfair, with the assistance of Mr. Wilfrid Fletcher, was the producer, and there was a prologue written by Mr. A. P. Herbert, which, apart from being historically inaccurate, was in a slightly subdued vein. The play, an early Massinger, is perhaps not as theatrically effective as the later work of that dramatist, but as a good swinging evening's entertainment it moves fast and well.

The company, on the male side all undergraduates, gave it zest and vigour, although it must be admitted that there were one or two grave weaknesses in the cast that tended to let down the play when it most needed tension.

Mr. Giles Playfair as Sir Giles Overreach, was most interesting, and ranted in the best antiquarian manner, while Mr. Devlin as Morrall gave what was possibly the most finished performance among the male characters. The president of the Floats, Mr. Willing-Denton, was good apart from a fidgety head movement that became an irritating trick after two acts. Miss Joan Buckmaster gave the best performance of the evening. as Lady Allwood, and Miss Yvonne Rorie gave a delicately finished little performance. Miss Hermione Baddeley was, apart from being miscast, unsure of her lines, but most adequately beautiful in a negligible part. The setting was well designed and most effective in the College Hall.

CAMBRIDGE.

NEW UNION OFFICERS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.

The following will be the officers of the Union for next term: President, Mr. J. D. F. Green (Peterhouse), unopposed; Vice-President, Mr. Karl Britton (Clare), unopposed; Secretary, Mr. F. E. Jones (Caius). At the poll Mr. Jones had a close fight with Mr. R. A. Binning and was only elected after the necessary number of votes had been transferred. This defeat of the Liberal candidate despite the good offices of the transferable vote, coinciding as it does with the installation of a Conservative President, may well set the tongues of political prophets wagging.

This term has not been a highly successful one as far as the Union is concerned. The duties of a president are far from easy. Good speakers are not easy to obtain, while many have an uncomfortable habit of dropping out at the last moment, particularly when Parliament is in session. Moreover, in some years the standard of debating skill must inevitably be lower than in others. Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that the much-rumoured resuscitation of the Union will not be long delayed. Though whether any one president is capable of combating a declining interest in politics as well as the professional humorists remains to be seen.

NEW THEATRICAL PARTNERSHIP.

This week has seen the last of Mr. Anmer Hall's productions, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," and on January 8 the Festival Theatre is to reopen under the new joint management of Mr. Terence Gray and Mr. Frank Birch. Mr. Gray returns to Cambridge after an interval of a year and a-half spent largely in traversing Europe in search of new material, and partly, rumour has it, in perambulating the Mediterranean in a new and dangerous speed-boat. Mr. Birch, who appeared more recently in Cambridge with productions of "Life's a Dream" and "The Prisoners of War," has been engaged in producing films at home and on the Continent.

This partnership would be remarkable if for no other reason than for the programme of plays announced for next term. This comprises the work of seven nationalities and includes two plays by Feuchtwanger and Anton Mack, and two adaptations of plays which are new to the English stage. The season will open with "Aladdin," by V. C. Clinton-Baddeley, the music of which has been specially written by Mr. Walter Leigh. The author will play the part of Abanazar, and the producer, much to our delight, will be appearing once more in his old part of Widow Twankey. An undenied report has it that Mr. Terence Gray is to signalise his return by appearing on the end of a wire as an "ethereal being."

END OF THE TERM.

Full term ended yesterday, but Cambridge will be full for some time to come with Previous candidates and examiners of all descriptions. Moreover, this eruption of undergraduates does not signalise the end of term so much as the exodus to an event of far greater importance. For many, Full Term does not come to an end until the finish of the Rugby match. On Tuesday, as on last Saturday a host of friends will meet and many an old battle be refought. And if, as occurred after the relays last week, a few small acts of disorder take place, such incidents are generally to be looked on as the work of isolated individuals rather than the behaviour of the many. For it is sincerely to be hoped that the exuberance which attends such events should not bring discredit upon the events themselves.

MAIL AND STEAMSHIP NEWS.

THE MAILS.

ALCANTARA (R.M.S.P.) from Buenos Ayres arrived Southampton, 6.
ALIPORE (P. and O.) Kobe for Bombay left Shanghai 6.
BALRANALD (P. and O.) Brisbane for London left Sydney, 6.
CHITRAL (P. and O.) London for Brisbane arrived Adelaide, 6.
CITY OF BENARES (Ell. City) Clyde for Bombay arrived Port Said, 6.
DORSETSHIRE (Bibby) from Karachi arrived Southampton, 6.
HIKAWA MARU (N.Y.K.) from Yokohama arrived Shanghai, 6.
KARAGOLA (B.I.) from Port Natal arrived Bombay, 6.
KAGA MARU (N.Y.K.) from Osaka arrived Shanghai, 6.
KAMO MARU (N.Y.K.) from Tees arrived Shanghai, 6.
MAIN (N.D.L.) from Hamburg arrived Adelaide, 6.
MANTOLA (B.I.) for Hamburg left Calcutta, 6.
NARDANA (B.I.) from Swansea arrived Fremantle, 6.
NIRVANA (B.I.) for Sydney left Calcutta, 6.
RANCHI (P. and O.) London for Yokohama left Hong Kong, 6.
RAWALPINDI (P. and O.) Yokohama for London left Hong Kong, 6.
SIRSA (B.I.) from Calcutta arrived Sydney, 6.
SIRHANA (B.I.) from Singapore arrived Amoy, 6.
TALMA (B.I.) from Osaka arrived Singapore, 6.
TERUKUNI MARU (N.Y.K.) for London left Shimonoseki, 6.
TRIER (N.D.L.) from Bremen arrived Belawan-deli, 6.
UMVOTI (Bullard) Beira for London left Algoa Bay, 6.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

BENARTY from Hong Kong left Singapore, 6.
BRANNFELS for Bremen arrived Calcutta, 6.
CAP PARADAN from Bordeaux arrived Hapsburg, 6.
FINLANDIA for Antwerp left Gravesend, 6.
GOLDEN ROD from Adelaide arrived Sydney, 6.
HEEMSKERK from Amsterdam arrived Dar es Salaam, 6.
MALABAR from Singapore arrived Sydney, 6.
SIGRID from Valencia arrived Gravesend, 6.
TUDOR from Oslo arrived Manila, 6.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

CHANGING VIEWS ON ITS ECONOMICS.

ENGLISH IDEAS IN AMERICA.

LONDON LECTURES.

By OUR LONDON UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENT.

One of the outstanding events of this week-end is the visit to the London School of Economics of Professor Jacob Viner, of the University of Chicago, to deliver four lectures on "The Theory of International Trade." There is no branch of economic science which owes more to the contribution of English economists in the past than the theory of international trade. Almost as certainly there has been no greater force making for scepticism concerning the validity of this important section of economic doctrine than the attempts made in the United States and Central Europe during the last three generations to secure for themselves a larger measure of economic isolation from the rest of the world. It is consequently of special significance just at the time when English statesmen, face to face with these new facts of economic nationalism show signs of wavering in their allegiance to the findings of economic science, that one of the most distinguished of the younger American economists should dwell in his London lectures on the growing appreciation throughout America and Central Europe of the significance of classical English teaching.

Professor Viner's third and fourth lectures are to be given to-morrow and on Tuesday at 5 o'clock. His visit to Europe will serve incidentally to strengthen the ties between the academic institutions of the old and the new world at a time when every new bond is particularly welcome.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Sir Harry Goschen, chairman of the Board of Management of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, in presenting to the Court of Governors the annual report, referred to the valuable services which the School has always rendered to the Colonial Governments in the staffing of the Colonial medical services with properly trained men, and to the high standard of the courses of study in tropical medicine and hygiene provided.

The report on the financial situation can only be regarded as satisfactory up to a point, in spite of the large exchequer grant which has been allocated to the School by the Court of the University. At present the School is obliged to supplement its income by voluntary effort in order to meet the cost of its commitments, and it is quite clear that it is going to have continuously larger and increasing responsibilities. It already is an important centre of post-graduate research in medical zoology, bacteriology, biochemistry, epidemiology, and vital statistics, and it is establishing a liaison with the public health services not only of this country but of all parts of the world. Such an institution should, of course, be free from financial anxiety.

There is nothing, however, unsatisfactory about the School's premises. Through the Rockefeller Foundation it was possible to erect a fine new building, which was opened last summer by the Prince of Wales, and which is now in occupation to the comfort and satisfaction of students, teachers, and administrators.

Sir Andrew Balfour, the director, is absent on leave at present, but one of his first duties when he comes back will be to visit the Colonies.

UNIVERSITY LEGACIES.

Mr. G. H. J. Hurst, for seventeen years University Reader in English Law, bequeathed a sum of £250 to the University for the promotion of the study of English Law.

Professor William Wyse, at one time professor of Greek, in London, left a sum of £1,000 to University College for general purposes. Although it was subject to the life interest of his sister, Miss Anne Elizabeth Wyse, she has generously decided to release her interest and hand the money over at once to the College.

GERMAN TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

PROPOSED WAGE CUT.

In view of the existing trade depression, the employers in the textile industries at Gladbach, Rheydt, and Viersen are to terminate the current wages agreements at the end of this month, says Reuter's Cologne correspondent. They will negotiate with the operatives' representatives relative to a wage cut on an early date.

A total of about 40,000 hands are employed in the textile industries in the district.

WHICH WAS THE GOOSE?

CHRISTMAS STORY FROM WARSAW.

At this time of the year the goose comes into its own, and as Christmas approaches it gains daily in winning general respect and admiration. There is thus added reason for publishing the following story sent by Reuter's correspondent in Warsaw:

During lunch-time at one of the aerodromes here an officer was telling a story to the effect that someone abroad, an aviator, had taken with him into his plane a hen, which he dropped on reaching a certain height. The hen fell like a stone and was killed on the spot.

"I bet you, a goose would have landed safely," said one of the officers present.

After some discussion the bet was made; in fact, there were several bets, some pro-goose, and others anti-goose.

The officers drove to the market and bought a goose. One of the captains got into an aeroplane, went up, and on reaching the height of 600 feet dropped the goose from the plane. At first the bird turned somersaults in the air, then it spread its wings and made a circle over the Lazienki Park in Warsaw, then over the open-air restaurant "Niespodzianka," and finished by landing just in front of the aerodrome.

The crowd in the street became excited. There was a rush for the goose, each person thinking that it was a present from the heavens for him. Soldiers appeared on the scene and defended the property of the aviators, trying to induce it to enter the aerodrome. But the goose refused to be taken by any man of the ranks up to a corporal, and only consented to surrender to a sergeant.

From that day the goose parades the aviation field and looks with disdain at all aviators, even if they be officers, who in case of a forced landing have to rely on parachutes. It turns its back on the captain, who declared it to be stupider than a hen. It has been saved from sudden death and the frying-pan, and special food is provided for it from the officers' mess.

From time to time it has to ascend in an aeroplane and land from gradually increased heights without the aid of a parachute.

It has even been given a uniform, consisting of a bow on its neck. On its head it has a specially made forage cap with the air force emblem. On its nose, a fair of specially made aluminium spectacles, and on its leg it has an aluminium ring with an adequate description of the feats accomplished.

STUDENTS FIGHT FOR MACE.

UNION DEBATE ENDS IN STRUGGLE IN DARK.

INQUIRY TO BE HELD

Glasgow University Union Board, it is stated, is to hold an inquiry into rowdy scenes which occurred during a political debate at the Union on Friday night, when the lights were extinguished, the mace seized, and the insignia broken.

When the president (Mr. Minto) declared the meeting over, he characterised the incident as disgraceful, especially in view of the fact that it was the last to be held in that building, before Mr. Baldwin, the Lord Rector, formally opens the new building next Friday.

The missing portions of the mace were subsequently returned to the Union.

It was afterwards learned that the incident had apparently been pre-arranged. The Liberals were in power, and it was the object of the Nationalist Party to defeat them. It is alleged that several members of the Nationalist Party arranged to switch off the electric light, and others to keep the door open while more were to seize the mace.

When the lights were switched on again and the disappearance of the mace was discovered, there was a stampede to the corridor, where rival parties came to grips. During the scuffle two portions of the mace became unscrewed, one falling to the floor, while the other was retained by the attacking party, who are alleged to have rushed outside with a number of students in pursuit.

It is understood that the names of about half a dozen students have been reported to the Union Board in connection with the matter, and that serious consequences may result.

The mace, which has been badly damaged, is said to have been in the possession of the Dialectic Society at the University for over half a century, and has been respected by generations of Glasgow students.

INVOKING A GOD'S INTERCESSION.

HINDU CLAIMS £375.

A remarkable lawsuit, in which the plaintiff, a Hindu, claimed his fee for invoking the god Subramaniya's intercession on behalf of a Mohammedan in another lawsuit, is being heard by Mr. Justice Waller at the Madras High Court, writes Reuter's Madras correspondent.

The case for the plaintiff, Mr. E. V. B. Mudaliar, a Hindu, is that, at the request of the defendant, Mr. K. M. Osman Sahib, a Mohammedan, he performed Pooja (invocation) for eighty days for the success of a lawsuit that Mr. Sahib had brought against another man for the recovery of about £7,500, which eventually ended in a compromise, Mr. Sahib receiving about £2,400.

When this suit was in progress Mr. Sahib is alleged to have promised to pay Mr. Mudaliar £375 if the former won the suit through the latter's Pooja. In contesting the claim the Mohammedan defendant stated that the invocation to a Hindu god unduly to interfere with and prevent the course of justice so as to bring success to one of the parties to a case was "irreligious, immoral, illegal, and opposed to public policy, and could not support the promise to pay."

The spiritual powers, which, he added the plaintiff did not possess, but pretended that he did, were "illusory, unreal, and did not bring about the result in the suit."

The case is proceeding.

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The number of tickets placed in the boxes during a trial period represented only 12 per cent. of the number issued.

MR. CHARLES LEVINE.

AUSTRIAN FORGERY CASE DROPPED.

VIENNA, Saturday.

The Public Prosecutor has suspended proceedings against Mr. Charles Levine on the ground of "absence of proof."

Mr. Levine was arrested last month at Semmering, the winter sports resort near Vienna, on suspicion of having intended to counterfeit French token money. He emphatically denied the charge made against him, and stated that he wanted certain dies he had ordered in Vienna for the casting of medals intended for distinguished personages in America, airmen and others. He was released on bail after eight days' detention.—Reuter.

HEIRESS'S SECRET.

BENEFACTOR UNAWARE OF HER MARRIAGE.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday.

Miss Mary A. Kelly, an Irish girl who was brought to the United States by her aunt as a child, and recently inherited part of the £600,000 estate of her guardian, has sailed on a belated honeymoon to Europe with her husband, Mr. Furey Ellis, an insurance broker. Miss Kelly's aunt had been housekeeper to a Mr. Owen Nevill, the last of a prominent family of leather traders. He considered Mary as his daughter, and died without knowing of her marriage, which took place in secret two years ago.—Reuter.

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PRESERVATION WORK AT CAMBRIDGE.

The trees committee of the Cambridge Preservation Society has worked out a scheme of tree planting on its own land fronting Madingley Road and the Coton Footpath. On Madingley Road near the orchards, the scheme includes roadside planting of beech and sweet smelling poplar, with some cratægus, and groups of black Italian poplar behind, also alders and cricket bat willow.

By the footpath is planned one large group of black Italian poplar, *populus serotina*, one group of maple, and three groups of wild cherry and other small flowering trees.

It is hoped later to have a line of trees planted as individual memorials along one of the footpaths. The planting is planned to start early this month and to be continued as funds come in.

Full particulars may be obtained from and subscriptions sent to the Hon. Secretary, Trees Committee, W. Balfour Gourlay, 7, Millington Road, Cambridge. It is suggested that 10s. would cover the cost of a good tree, with its planting, protection, and after-care, but any sums will be gratefully received.

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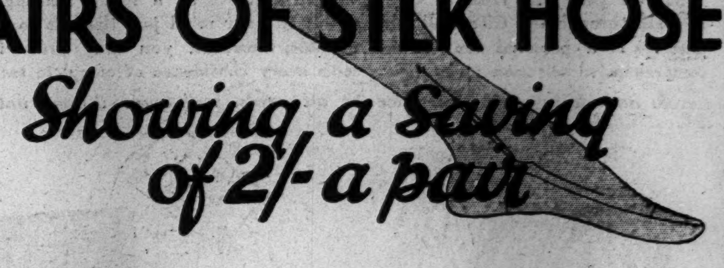

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CATTLE PLAGUE OUTBREAK.

MYSTERIOUS DISEASE IN YORKSHIRE.

EXPERTS PUZZLED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

GROSMONT, NORTH YORKSHIRE, Saturday.

Ministry of Agriculture officials are investigating a mysterious disease which has broken out amongst the cattle of Mr. J. Hodgson, High Fair Head Farm, Grosmont, and which has resulted in the loss of a number of cows and heifers.

Local veterinary surgeons were called in, but although some of them have had great experience, they failed to diagnose the disease. The Ministry of Agriculture at Whitehall was informed, and two inspectors of the Ministry were sent down for the purpose of making investigations. One of them expressed the opinion that the animals must have been infected by a poisonous germ inhaled from the air.

ISOLATION MEASURES.

I was told to-day that the most seriously affected animals failed to respond to all kinds of treatment which were tried, and as stated a number of them have died. As in the case of foot and mouth disease, isolation measures were adopted, and these, it is believed, have succeeded in preventing the spread of disease to other farms, and some of the less seriously affected animals are expected to recover.

If the disease has been carried in the air by the wind it may be proof of the theory which has been put forward on many occasions by agricultural experts that it is by the air that the foot and mouth disease germ is borne to this country from the Continent, where in some countries this dreaded scourge is rampant.

CUSTOMS OFFICER CHARGED.

ALLEGED UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

A Customs officer named George Herbert Weatherly, aged 29, of Campbell Avenue, Barking Side, was charged at Woolwich yesterday with the unlawful possession of four bottles of wine, two tins of peaches, 2 lb. of tea, two tennis shirts, a fancy tablecloth, a sunshade, and four pieces of fabric at King George V. Dock, North Woolwich.

Chief Inspector Ward, Port of London Authority Police, said that on Thursday evening he was at the California Gate of the dock when Weatherly, accompanied by another man, drove up in a car. He told Weatherly he would like to look in his car, and Weatherly then said, "Can I speak to you privately? I have some stuff I have no right to have." In Weatherly's jacket pockets were found two bottles of wine. The remainder of the property was found in the car.

Asked if he wished to explain, Weatherly said, "I will be candid with you. I take all responsibility. It is stuff I have taken from packages for Customs samples, and it has accumulated in our office. It should have been returned to the merchants, but I had no right to take it. He (the other man) knows nothing about it."

Weatherly was remanded.

LEAGUE OF YOUTH.

TO FOSTER INITIATIVE IN THE YOUNG.

To encourage initiative and ambition among the young of both sexes, a League of Youth is being formed by the "Daily Sketch" and the "Sunday Graphic."

One of the first activities of the League will be, in connection with its "Good Deeds" Fund, to provide wireless outfits for Children's Hospitals and for the Children's Wards of General Hospitals.

The motto of the League is "Res non verba"—"Deeds not words." The League will have two sections, one for junior members up to 15 years of age, and the other for senior members over 15. To stimulate the enthusiasm and enterprise of members the League will present a "Medal of Honour" for deeds of outstanding merit performed in any sphere of activity, whether at work or at play.

All members of the League will receive on joining a membership book and diary of 128 pages. This volume, in addition to being a valuable book of reference, will also contain a diary useful for any year. The new League is the successor to the Children's Birthday Club, which ceases to exist from this week-end. To become eligible for the benefits and privileges of the League and to participate in its good work, members of the old Birthday Club are invited to join the new League at once.

Full particulars of the League and the first qualifying entrance form will be given in to-morrow's "Daily Sketch."

FEDERATION OF INDIA.

PRINCES' PROPOSALS FOR STATES.

A CABINET DENIAL

NO PART IN "HINDU-MOSLEM DEADLOCK."

In the course of the discussion by the Federal Structure Sub-Committee of the Indian Round Table Conference on the component elements of the proposed Federation of All-India, the Princes brought forward tentative proposals as to the way in which the States should participate in the Federation.

It is understood that, so far as the States are concerned, it is proposed that there should be representatives in the Federal Legislature elected by the Governments of the States as distinct from the Princes themselves.

GROUPING SMALLER STATES.

It is suggested that the States will come into the Federation by means of conventions or treaties. It is also suggested that seats in the Federal Legislature should be given to representatives of each of the larger and more important States, and that the smaller States should be represented in the Federal Chamber by a method of grouping. As the number of small States runs into hundreds, the number of seats allotted to them would depend upon the number available in the whole Federal system. It would be left to the Chamber of Princes to arrange the grouping of the smaller States and their representation.

It is made clear that, if the Princes come into the Federation by conventions, the States would maintain their sovereignty and their independence in regard to internal affairs other than those matters which are ultimately decided upon as matters of common concern between the Indian States and British India.

The Federal Structure Sub-Committee this week is to take up the discussion of the Princes' proposals.

It is authoritatively stated that the report that the Government have taken sides in what is described as the Hindu-Moslem deadlock is untrue. The Government have not yet approached the question themselves, and while naturally they have a keen interest in it, they regard the solution as primarily a mater for the communities themselves.

UNION JACKS BURNT.

HINDUS' OUTBREAK IN BOMBAY.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

The premises of a temple in the northern quarter of the city were decorated last night with Union Jacks on the occasion of a certain ceremony.

A crowd of Hindus, who were apparently excited over incidents on the Maidan yesterday evening, collected in front of the temple and pulled down and burnt the Union Jacks, which were replaced by national flags. The police hurried to the scene, but meanwhile the crowd had dispersed.—Reuter.

GANDHI'S SECRETARY SENTENCED.

AHMEDABAD, Saturday.

Mahadev Desai, Gandhi's secretary, who was recently re-arrested on a charge of assisting the operations of an unlawful association by publishing a bulletin calling upon the public to help Congress, was to-day sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of rs. 250, or in default, six weeks' further imprisonment.—Reuter.

OLD THIEF'S PLEA.

PUZZLED MAGISTRATE SEEKS ADVICE.

Puzzled to know what to do with an old thief who made a pathetic appeal to him, Mr. Hay Halkett, the Marylebone magistrate, yesterday remanded the man in custody in order that the missionary might inquire into the case.

The prisoner, Frederick Storer, pleaded guilty to stealing an umbrella and motor-rug from the motor-car of Miss Mary Fearnley-Whittingstall, of Palace Gate, W.

Detective-sergeant Cox said that there were seventeen previous convictions, all for petty larcenies. "No doubt," said the officer, "his downfall is due to drink."

In a written statement to the magistrate, Storer said: "I am more than sorry to be in trouble again. Really and truly, sir, I have tried very hard to get work since my release, and I am sick and tired of walking about night after night. I do ask you if something may be done by me. I have hardly any clothes on my back and no underclothes. This night I had two drinks with a stranger, and having had nothing to eat they overcame me, for I was cold and tired."

The magistrate said that no doubt it was perfectly true that Storer's present life was a positive burden. He could not get anything to do and he could not get any relief. Sending him to prison time after time had not proved a success.

"Why," he asked, "don't you go to the casual ward?"

"I could," Storer replied, "but I want work; then I shall be all right."

Storer was then remanded.

BOYS WHO HAVE MADE GOOD.

HOME ON HOLIDAY FROM CANADA.

MONEY SAVED OUT OF EARNINGS.

Fourteen boys, nearly all with return tickets in their pockets, arrived in London last night from Canada for an extended holiday in the Old Country. They include not only boys who are completing their education in Canada, but lads originally drawn from such varied callings as farming, mining, and shopkeeping, who, having migrated under the ægis of the Salvation Army, are making good.

"The significance of their visit is the proof which it affords of the opportunities which will await lads of the right stamp when migration commences once more," said a migration official. "It is also a splendid reply to the heart-break stories so often told by unsuccessful settlers. The fact that these lads can come back paying their own travelling expenses and possessed of sufficient funds to carry them over the holiday, speaks for itself. One Rockford boy has saved some money and has crossed over to search for relatives.

"The lads came from Ontario, where they have been from four to five years. All the returning boys are going to take up farm work, and situations are being kept open for them. One or two have in mind acquiring farms of their own under the scheme which provides for generous assistance to lads who have made good and who have saved £100 of their own.

"They will stay in London a day or two before dispersing."

PRAIRIE FARMERS' PLIGHT.

RELIEF MEASURES ADVOCATED.

LONDON (ONTARIO), Saturday.

Mr. Edward Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, speaking here to-night, suggested that the Federal Government should take measures to meet the emergency condition in the Prairie Provinces brought about by the abnormally low prices of grain.

Mr. Beatty said the Western producers need not fear loss of equity on their farms, since the mortgage companies and other lien holders were unwilling to press for maturing obligations or arrears of interest beyond the ability of the farmers to meet payments. All the financial interests concerned were anxious to help solve the difficulties of the situation and a practical moratorium obtained. The scale of difficulties of the agriculturists was much larger in Western Canada under the present conditions of depression due to unforeseen world conditions, and necessitated some form of temporary Federal relief to preserve the stability of the whole economic life of Canada.

Mr. Beatty suggested the assumption by the Federal Government of a portion of the liability of the Prairie Provinces on guarantees to wheat pools already pledged, thus enabling the provinces to direct their efforts in other ways to the relief of farmers. He also suggested an agricultural credit corporation for the purpose of providing livestock for farmers who desired to engage in diversified farming. The money lent, he believed, would be at a small eventual risk, and could be repayable over a series of years.—Reuter.

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Readers who think of making a change of residence will find important help in the announcements, comprising almost every class of property, which appear each week in the last two pages of the SUNDAY TIMES.

BOXER'S DEATH.

KNOCK-OUT HAS FATAL SEQUEL.

Jack Isaacs, of Deboyer Road, Dalston, E., died in hospital yesterday following a knock-out in a twelve-rounds boxing contest at Camden Town Drill Hall on Friday.

Isaacs, who boxed as Kid Jacks, was knocked out by Charlie Green, of King's Cross, and was carried to the dressing-room unconscious. Later he was taken to St. Pancras Hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness. Relatives were at the bedside all night.

Kid Jacks, who was twenty-three, had a reputation in North London as a clever and plucky young boxer with a promising career before him. He was knocked out in the ninth round by two quick blows to the chin. The fight was the principal contest of the evening and had thrilled a large crowd.

CHAUFFEUR TO PAY £2,368.

CAR ACCIDENT WHEN HE WAS NOT ON OFFICIAL DUTY.

Formerly chauffeur to the Hull Chief Constable, George William Hart has been ordered to pay £2,368 and costs to Charles Coates, of Stoneferry Road, Hull, for injuries sustained through being knocked down by a motor-car.

The accident occurred on January 11, when Coates was run into by a motor-car driven by Hart. He has suffered a permanent shortening of the right leg of two and a-half inches. The car was a private one, and Hart was not engaged upon official duties at the time.

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES' UNION.

A feature of the annual ball and carnival of the Young Conservatives' Union at Grosvenor House on Thursday, is an ice-hockey match between a team representing Oxford and Cambridge and the London "Lions."

The membership of the Union includes a number of students, Public School boys who aspire to a political career, and young barristers who are candidates for Parliamentary honours at the next election.

Lady Blanch Girouard, the chairman, is wife of one of the three youngest of the Conservative candidates (he is contesting Limehouse). The other two are Mr. Pat Donner (West Islington) and Mr. Murthwait How (Central Southwark).

NEW DESTROYER LAUNCHED.

Messrs. Swan Hunter, Limited, Wallsend, yesterday launched H.M.S. Bulldog, the last of eight destroyers ordered under the 1928 programme. These destroyers have a displacement of 1,330 tons and the engines develop 34,000 shaft horse-power.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

THE CHURCHES.

St. Paul's Cathedral.—10.30: Rev. R. H. Moberley; 3.15: Archdeacon of London; 7: Rev. G. S. Saywell.

Westminster Abbey.—10.15: Rev. Darwell Stone; 3: Rev. W. H. Carnegie; 6.30: Rev. A. C. England.

Southwark Cathedral.—11: Rev. A. R. Browne-Wilkinson; 6.30: The Sub-Dean.

Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace.—11.15: Archdeacon J. W. Hunkin.

Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks.—11 and 6.30: Rev. C. Egerton Chadwick.

Chapel of the Savoy.—11.15 and 6: Rev. H. B. Chapman.

All Hallows, Barking-by-the-Tower.—11: Rev. P. B. Clayton; 6.30: Rev. W. M. Hope.

All Saints, Margaret Street.—11.15: Preb. H. F. B. Mackay.

St. Margaret's, Westminster.—11: Rev. A. Shell; 7: Rev. E. Jervis.

Christ Church, Albany Street.—11: Rev. R. S. Swann-Mason; 12: Parade Service, Royal Horse Guards; 6.30: Rev. W. Vaughan-Jones.

Christ Church, Down Street.—11 and 6.30: Dr. Farran.

Christ Church, St. Marylebone, Cosway Street.—11: Rev. E. J. Dent; 3.15: Missionary Service; 6.30: Rev. T. G. Brierley Kay.

Christ Church, Victoria Street.—11: Rev. P. T. R. Kirk; 6.30: Rev. E. N. Porter Goff.

Holy Trinity, Sloane Street.—11.15: Rev. C. Cheshire; 6.30: Rev. G. M. Prichard.

Holy Trinity, Paddington.—11 and 6.30: Rev. J. M. Vallance.

Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield.—11: Mr. W. E. Foster; 6.30: Musical Service.

St. Anne's, Soho.—11.30: Dr. Costley White; 6.30: Rev. B. G. Bourchier.

St. Ethelburga the Virgin, Bishopsgate, E.C.—11 and 6.30: Dr. Geikie Cobb.

St. George's, Hanover Square.—11: Archdeacon of Middlesex; 6.30: Rev. E. C. Opie.

St. James's, Piccadilly.—11: Rev. H. P. Greaves; 6.15: Ven. C. E. Lambert.

St. John's, Regent's Park.—11: Rev. T. G. Brierley Kay; 6.30: Rev. W. A. Potter.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields.—11.30: M.S. (Young People's Service in the Crypt); 3.30: People's Service; 6.15: E.S.

St. Mary's, Bourdon Street.—11: Rev. B. Jones; 6.30: Rev. E. C. Opie.

St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap.—"Sweepstakes," at 7 p.m., the Rector.

St. Mary's, Bryanston Square.—11: Rev. A. E. N. Simms; 6.30: Rev. E. J. Dunn.

St. Marylebone Parish Church.—11: Rev. the Hon. G. J. Adderley; 7: Dr. Morrison.

St. Michael's Church, Chester Square.—11 and 6.30: Rev. W. H. Elliott.

St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, Queen Victoria Street.—11: Rev. A. McCheane; 7: Rev. W. Cotes.

St. Paul's, Knightsbridge.—11.15: Rev. O. F. Clarke; 6.30: Rev. E. K. C. Hamilton.

St. Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct.—11: Rev. T. W. Gibson.

St. Thomas's Church, Regent Street.—11: Father Wheatley; 6.30: Rev. J. E. T. Evett.

Temple Church.—11: The Master; 3: Rev. R. F. Rynd.

Gray's Inn Chapel.—11.15: Canon W. R. Matthews.

Brompton Parish Church.—11: Prebendary Gough, 6.30 Rev. H. D. S. Sweetapple-Horlick.

St. Mark's, North Audley Street.—11: Rev. W. G. Pennyman; 6.30: Rev. E. Barnes.

St. Ethelburga the Virgin, Bishopsgate, E.C.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Geikie-Cobb.

Westminster Cathedral.—10.30: H.M.; 12: L.M. and Sermon, Rev. G. Nicholson; 3.15: Vesp. and Ben.; 7: Comp. Sermon and Ben., Rt. Rev. Mgr. Canon M. Howlett.

The Oratory, South Kensington.—10.45: H.M.; 3.30: Vesp. and Ben.

Church of the Jesuit Fathers, Farm Street, Berkeley Square, W.1.—10.50: H.M.; 12: L.M.; Rev. C. C. Martindale, S.J.; 3.30: Rev. R. H. J. Steuart, S.J.

Scottish National Church, Crown Court, Covent Garden.—11.15 and 6.30: Rev. J. Moffett.

St. Columba's (Church of Scotland), Pont Street, S.W.—11: Dr. A. Fleming; 6.30: Rev. I. R. Gillan.

Regent Square Presbyterian Church, W.C.—11 and 7: Rev. G. T. Bellhouse.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Allen Street, Kensington.—11: Rev. W. D. Maxwell; 6.30: Rev. W. P. Boyes.

St. John's Wood Presbyterian Church.—11: Rev. J. Rae; 6.30: Dr. Alexander.

Marylebone Presbyterian Church.—11 and 7: Rev. J. Golder Burns.

Brixton Independent Church.—11 and 6.45: Rev. A Hird.

Central Hall, Westminster.—11 and 7: Rev. D. T. Young; 3.30: Dr. Leslie F. Church.

Kingsway Hall.—11 and 7: Rev. J. E. Rattenbury; 3.30: Fellowship Lecture, Rev. F. B. Clogg.

Wesley's Chapel, City Road.—11 and 6.30: Rev. G. H. McNeal.

City Temple, Holborn Viaduct.—11 and 7: Rev. F. W. Norwood.

Westminster Congregational Church, Buckingham Gate, S.W.—11 and 7: Rev. H. L. Simpson.

Kensington Chapel, Allen Street.—11 and 6.30: Rev. J. E. James.

Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road.—11 and 7: Rev. S. W. Hughes.

Guildhouse, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.—3.30: Lantern Lecture, Mr. F. S. Smythe; 6.30: Dr. Percy Dearmer.

Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St. John's Wood Road.—11.30: Rev. M. L. Perlzweig, M.A., "Is There a Jewish Vote?"

Spiritualist Community, Grotrian Hall, 115 Wigmore Street, W.—11: Mr. Dimsdale Stocker; Clairvoyant, Mr. Glover Botham. 6.30: Rev. Drayton Thomas; Clairvoyant, Mrs. Johnson.

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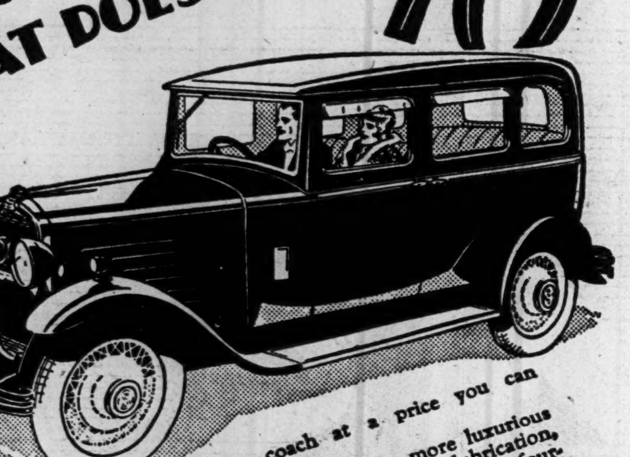

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THE PERSIAN EXHIBITION.

SIR E. DENISON ROSS'S "INTRODUCTION."

A MEMORY OF GREAT DAYS.

The first of two lectures on Persia, introductory to the Great Exhibition which opens at Burlington House next month, was delivered at the Royal Institution yesterday by Sir E. Denison Ross, Director of the London School of Oriental Studies.

Persia, he said, is neither very remote nor very strange, but is, on the contrary, very much alive and very human.

The beginnings of Persia as a distinct State go back to the time of Cyrus in the middle of the sixth century before our era. As far as we know, the earliest Iranians to settle in what we now call Persia were the Medes who, migrating from the region of Transoxania or Turkestan, established themselves in the country lying between Rhages and Ekbatana in the north-west, probably in the eighth century B.C. Of the early Medes we know very little beyond what may be learnt from the Greek historians and from occasional allusions in Assyrian inscriptions, for the Medes had frequent intercourse with their neighbours the Assyrians, from whom they acquired the art of writing, and much else besides.

A FIELD FOR THE ARCHÆOLOGIST.

Their splendid capital Ekbatana, on the site occupied by Hamadan to-day, is described with much detail by Polybius, and is referred to in the cuneiform inscriptions. No dated monument of the Median period has, however, yet been found, though we possess examples of Median art, and who can guess what scientific excavators in Hamadan alone might not bring to light?

In the south the Persians arrived more recently. The Medes, owing to their long intercourse with their neighbours, the Assyrians, were naturally superior to the Persians, from whom they were able to demand tribute. This position of inferiority had long been distasteful to the Persians, who under their ruling chiefs the Achaemenids, so called from their eponymous ancestor Achæmenes (Old Persian Hakhamanish), had been rapidly gaining in power.

Nabonidus, the king of Babylon, fearing the strength of this new Iranian state, set about making a confederacy with some of his neighbours, with a view to overthrowing Cyrus. Among the kings he invited to join him was Crœsus, king of Lydia, who, vainly imagining himself strong enough alone to encounter the Persians, marched against them without waiting for the other confederate states, only to be defeated and made prisoner by Cyrus (B.C. 546).

BABYLONIAN MUTINY.

The capture of Babylon, which next occupied the attention of the Persian king, was rendered easy in 539 by the mutiny of the Babylonian troops. In the following year Cyrus gave the captive Jews the opportunity of returning to Jerusalem. Ezra (ii. 64) tells us the exact number of those who took advantage of it. The Empire of Cyrus now spread over Mesopotamia and Asia Minor. He had four capitals—namely, his own city of Pasargadae, the Elamite city of Susa, Ekbatana, the capital of the Medes, and Babylon. It was after the conquest of this last city that Persepolis was founded. His reign of thirty years witnessed the rise of an obscure group of Iranians to be one of the foremost nations of the world.

Cyrus died in B.C. 529, and was succeeded by his son Cambyses, who added Egypt to the Persian Empire. Cambyses had no son, and was succeeded by his collateral, the famous Darius, the son of Hystaspes, who has left on the rocks of Behistun such a marvellous record of his own conquests and rule. Under Darius Persia was first brought into contact with Greece, which he invaded by sea and by land, with disastrous results to himself. Witness the battle of Marathon in B.C. 490. His son Xerxes, in trying to avenge his father's defeat, was equally unsuccessful against the Greeks. In B.C. 331 Alexander the Great defeated the last of the Achæmenids, and for 200 years Persia was ruled by the Greeks.

A GLORIOUS EPOCH.

In the middle of the third century B.C. a new line of kings, known as the Arsacids or Parthians, arose in Eastern Persia, and by the middle of the second century B.C. had practically driven the Greeks out of Persia. Though these Parthians were also Iranians, they were regarded as aliens by the people who prided themselves in the great traditions of the Achæmenids, and thus, when in the beginning of the third century A.D. a man named Ardashir, who claimed descent from Cyrus, rose in revolt in the south, he gained the people to his side, and succeeded in ousting the Parthians and in founding the second national dynasty in Persia, which came to be known as the Sasanian, and which ruled down to the time of the Arab invasion at the beginning of the seventh century.

This epoch is one of the most glorious in Persian annals, and the Persian poets delight in singing the praises and adventures of some of their great kings like Bahram Gur and Anushirwan.

The conquest of Persia by the Arabs, which was finally completed at the battle of Nihavan in A.D. 641, marks an entirely new chapter in her history. For upwards of three centuries Persia was now ruled by the Arab Caliphs in Baghdad, though, as was quite natural, the Arabs made plentiful use of the cultivated Persians in the work of administration.

At the end of the tenth century there arose a national Islamic dynasty in Eastern Persia, and from that time onwards only lip service was paid to the Caliphs of Baghdad. The literature of Modern Persia came into being with the rise of this dynasty, and in spite of the change of religion the Persians preserved their national spirit unaltered.

THE "BOOK OF KINGS."

Sir Denison Ross then mentioned one or two of the outstanding names in Persian history. Mahmud of Ghazna, in the eleventh century, was not only a world conqueror, but also a great patron of letters, and at his court flourished the great Firdausi, who wrote the famous Book of Kings, in which the deeds of the pre-Islamic rulers of Persia are also related.

At the beginning of the twelfth century came the invasion of Persia by the redoubtable Mongols, under orders from Chingiz Khan, who did not, however, himself enter Persia. Most of the beautiful cities built up by the Seljuks were now laid waste, including the great city of Baghdad, which, in 1258, was turned into a shambles and a dust-heap. Practically all the books existing in Persia were destroyed at this time, and thus it comes that very few manuscripts exist to-day belonging to an earlier period than the end of the thirteenth century.

The Mongols, however, as rulers of Persia were responsible for many glorious buildings. At the end of the fourteenth century Tamerlane became master of Persia, and it was under his descendants that literature and painting flourished to the highest degree.

At the beginning of the sixteenth century another great Persian dynasty arose, and during two centuries brought Persia to a high estate of civilisation and culture. The greatest of these rulers was Shah Abbas, who was one of the foremost patrons of the arts in Persian history and who has left a noble monument to himself in the beautiful city of Isfahan.

The lecturer then proceeded to describe the main routes and the chief cities, past and present, the people, and an account of Persia as it is to-day, illustrating his narrative with a series of very interesting lantern slides.

For the first time since the war a reunion dinner of R.E. despatch riders will be held in London early in the New Year. Mr. Ernest R. Gilbert, 14, Holborn, E.C.1, is the hon. secretary.

TRAGIC END OF FINANCIER.

DEATH FROM POISON AND FALL.

DISCLOSURES AT INQUEST.

WORRIED BY MONEY MATTERS.

A verdict of suicide was returned yesterday at Tunbridge Wells at the resumed inquest on the body of John Good, inventor and financier, who was found dead on November 23 in the forecourt of his home, Culverden Castle, Tunbridge Wells. The inquest had been adjourned from November 25 so that certain organs might be examined by the county analyst.

It was stated that Mr. Good had fallen 36 feet from a flat embattled roof. A glass containing poison was found in the garden.

Mr. Good was director and chairman of the Ribbon Record and Gramophone Co., Ltd., and one of the originators of a new system of recording.

The inquest was conducted by the coroner for Tunbridge Wells, Mr. A. H. Neve, who sat without a jury. Sir George Jones, M.P., held a brief for an interested party, and Mr. Bruce Dutton Briant for relatives.

William Joseph Hamilton, a general servant at the castle, said that his master had been suffering from his stomach. On the day of the tragedy, when he (Hamilton) went to Mr. Good's bedroom, his master said that he felt unwell and would go on the roof for a breath of air. Later he said he would go round the grounds for a walk.

"When I returned to the bedroom," Hamilton said, "and asked him if he required lunch, he said he did not want any. At 1.40 p.m. I heard a crash and saw Mr. Good lying on the pavement before the front door. He was seriously injured, but still alive. During the morning Mr. Good had said to me, 'Don't leave the house to-day, William. If anything happens to me, William, will you 'phone for Sir Robert Gower?' I 'phoned for him the same afternoon."

THIRTY-SIX FEET FALL.

Police-Sergeant Reginald Taylor said that when he found Mr. Good he was fully dressed and lying on his back. A slab of stone under him had apparently fallen from the castellated parapet of the roof. The roof was thirty-six feet from the forecourt. There were footmarks on the parapet which seemed to indicate that someone had tried to climb over it.

P.C. William Henry Godden said that he found a glass tumbler three to four feet from the front of the house. It was embedded in the ground as though it had fallen from a height. There was a sediment in the glass.

Det.-Sergeant William Hinton said that the glass corresponded with a jug he found in Mr. Good's bedroom. In a laboratory in the grounds of the house he found bottles containing potassium of cyanide, sulphuric acid, nitric acid, silver nitrate, potassium hydrochloric, and potassium tartrate.

Sir Robert Gower, M.P., of Church Road, Tunbridge Wells, said that Mr. Good called on him on Saturday, November 15, and told him something which disturbed him. Mr. Good produced a letter in which was a request for an account within seven days. Good did not seem to be able to grasp the situation at all, and seemed to think that the letter threatened criminal proceedings.

SUFFERING FROM INSOMNIA.

Sir Robert went on: "He said that if there were criminal proceedings he would not face them. The letter said that if an account was not sent within seven days there might be legal proceedings. Good said: 'Does that mean that I shall be arrested?' He said he had been very ill and had been suffering from insomnia and did not know what was the matter with him. He thought he must have lost his memory. He was not in a fit mental condition to grasp the real meaning of the letter at all. He said he had been pressed for large sums of money, and he could not find the money.

"I endeavoured to advise him how he might raise money. He referred to the fact that he had lost very large sums indeed in the depreciation of rubber shares. The interview was a most unsatisfactory one. Mr. Good was one of the keenest business men I have ever known, but there had been an undoubted mental deterioration recently. There was no question of any criminal proceedings, but he could not understand that."

The coroner, addressing Mr. Briant, said that Dr. Selous's evidence had been confirmed by the analysis of the organs which had been made at Mr. Briant's request since the adjournment.

Dr. Selous, giving evidence, said that there were heavy traces of cyanide of potassium in the glass tumbler, and the organs contained a total of 20.8 grains. Mr. Good, he said, was not dead of cyanide of potassium when he struck the ground. It was impossible to say which actually caused death—the poison or the fall. The quantity Mr. Good had taken was sufficient to have killed three or four men in ordinary circumstances. It was taken on an empty stomach, which was an important point, and no treatment was given. If the stomach had been washed out immediately Mr. Good's life might have been saved.

HASTENED BY FALL.

The coroner said that the verdict must be one of suicide. "The deceased," he said, "had taken a very heavy dose of the poison before he fell from the roof, and I think that death was certain as a result of that, even without the terrible injuries that were subsequently discovered.

"It may be doubted whether the fall appreciably hastened the death, because he might have lived for some time, but, with death from cyanide of potassium perfectly certain, I have decided to say that he died as a result of poisoning by a dose of cyanide of potassium, but that death was hastened by the injuries he received from the fall.

"The depreciation of the financial world, both in America and in this country, has had its repercussions in the financial circles to which Mr. Good belonged."

MOTORIST CENSURED.

CORONER'S COMMENT ON "TERRIBLE UNTRUTHS."

A motorist was censured by a coroner's jury at an Ealing inquest yesterday on John Hayden, 25, of Verulam Road, Greenford, who was cycling with his wife in Western Avenue, Perivale, on Wednesday night, and was struck by a motor-car coming from behind.

William Homer, the driver of the car, said that he was following another car when something struck his windscreen. He stopped, thinking it was something from the other car, but found it was his mascot. This was the second time it had happened. He shouted to the other car, but, getting no reply, drove on.

A witness from a garage, where Homer took his car, alleged that Homer attributed extensive damage to the radiator and the windscreen to the fact that he had struck a post in his own garage.

In returning a verdict of accidental death the jury said: "We consider Mr. Homer should be censured for not making more inquiries when he stopped."

Mr. Reginald Kemp, the coroner, told Mr. Homer that the view taken by the jury meant that he had been telling "terrible untruths."

"Fortunately for you," said Mr. Kemp, "the jury have not made it a verdict of manslaughter. It seems to me that there has been perjury somewhere, but that is not for me to determine."

SHOPLAND LURE.

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS.

NOVELTY & CHEAPNESS GENERAL.

By A WOMAN CORRESPONDENT.

Christmas shopping is a joyous thing this year, for it is full of pleasant surprises. Everything is cheaper than its appearance suggests. So often have all of us wanted to send presents which were "just the very thing," but have had to send something else because the "very thing" cost more guineas than we expected. But this year, with the shops packed with lovely things, mostly marked with tickets which count in shillings, and not guineas, Christmas present buying is a series of pleasurable shocks.

Regent Street, Oxford Street, Wigmore Street, Pall Mall, Buckingham Palace Road, Tottenham Court Road, Knightsbridge, and Kensington are all happy hunting grounds, and a careful survey shows that they all yield an amazing variety.

We grown-ups tell ourselves that Christmas is the children's time, and, although we are honest enough to admit it does not belong solely to those before and in their 'teens, shopping for and with them is one of the most important things each December brings around.

YOUNG ENTHUSIASTS.

The stores have vied with each other in providing attractions for children (young and old) and marionette shows, enchanted castles, and robot railways are daily the centre of gleeful groups. A Dolls' Fair—with 10,000 participants all garbed in wonderful colours—is one of the best displays, for there is a roundabout and helter-skelter and all the fun of the fair arranged in a most realistic manner.

This year, I was told, small girls are asking for dolls even more than last, when the return to feminism made its first mark in the demands of the younger generation.

A Punch and Judy show is at another store, and is proving very popular. Most stores are providing entertainments, and it is advisable to note in their advertisements the times of the performances, so that shopping expeditions can be mapped out advantageously.

The youthful motorist has many models from which to select, and the gadgets accompanying them are more realistic than ever. Balloon tyres give some of the cars an elegant appearance, and most of them have electric batteries so that the lamps can be illuminated. Electric batteries, which can be renewed for sixpence or so, make it possible for many dolls' houses to be ablaze with light.

TOY NOVELTIES.

Cinema favourites are found in the toy bazaars in all sorts of ways. Flip the Frog and Mickey Mouse abound in clock-work novelties, crackers and cuddly toys, while slippers and hot water bottle covers have the familiar figures appliquéd.

Children's parties are catered for, too. Some stores will supply the entertainment as well as food, but for those mothers who like to make their own arrangements there are ingenious aids available. There is an up-to-date minute table game called "Mini-golf," which I saw first of all in Buckingham Palace Road. It has nine hazards, and should prove a great fun-maker at many parties.

Apart from children's parties, Christmas always brings along more entertaining, and the wise hostess feels justified if she buys and has delivered her Christmas presents for the home well in advance of December 25. Special Christmas offers are being made in Kensington and Tottenham Court Road of Oriental rugs and carpets. Hand-woven Persian strips in rich Eastern colourings are priced at 45s., and Hamadian rugs are as low as 70s. Lamps and lamp shades have never been more attractive. Many of the parchment shades are decorated to match the pottery vase of the lamp. Others—and I think even more pleasing—have old views of London and Paris painted on the shade, and curiously carved wooden standards.

Seventeenth century maps, with quaint spelling of names, have been used to make lampshades, trays, and waste-paper baskets.

Hand-painted glass coffee cups and saucers, guaranteed not to crack, and costing 52s. 6d. for a set of six, are among other "home" presents, while there are also some table linens, either all white, or with touches of colour introduced by hand embroidery.

PERSONAL GIFTS.

Personal gifts for women friends abound. Stockings, slippers, gloves, and handkerchiefs are always sure of a welcome, while evening handbags make most of us enraptured. The friends of bridge players never have any difficulty, and this year the sets, comprising cards, marker, and pencil, are more attractive than ever. Jewellery, particularly clip-on brooches and chokers makes a distinctive gift. Silk scarves, painted with gay designs, fill a Regent Street window, and lingerie in white and pastel shades—the bizarre blacks and emeralds have departed—makes an alluring display in another.

In spite of rumours to the contrary, present buying for men is *not* difficult. One large shop issues a booklet containing 100 ideas. Here are some—handkerchiefs, cuff-links, and dress waistcoat buttons, silk mufflers, dressing cases and dressing gowns. Books on favourite sports are always welcomed, and I have seen some very masculine-looking book-ends in leather and bronze. Smokers' novelties abound in all the shops, and are more ingenious in idea and moderate in price than ever before.

Price moderation is found in another Christmas department. It is one that is probably the most important—food. The provision sections of the big stores, are full of good things, and seasonable favourites can be procured at a small expenditure.

MYSTERIOUS GERM.

CAUSES FIVE DEATHS AT A HOSPITAL.

EDMONTON (ALBERTA), Saturday.

A mysterious germ has caused the death of five patients after operations in a hospital here.

The operating theatre was temporarily closed and, after a combined search by the provincial and hospital experts, which lasted four days, the source of infection has been located. For three days all operations have been suspended while the authorities tracked down the germ, which goes under the name of "streptococcus haemolyticus."

During the course of the search all visiting surgeons, staff nurses and hospital nurses and supplies have been subjected to a thorough examination.

A detailed report of the investigations will be published on Monday next at the inquest on one of the patients.—Reuter.

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HOTELS—Continued from Page One.

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HOCKEY.

FEATURES OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

OXFORD BEATEN.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, at home, concluded their first term's engagements with defeat from TULSE HILL by 2 goals to 1. Oxford were without T. J. R. Dashwood and J. S. M. Paul, and were rather unlucky to be beaten, as they played without the Nawab of Pataudi for twenty minutes. R. Staples scored for Tulse Hill, and though J. E. Bearson equalised before half-time, A. B. Pickering hit a winning goal for the club in the second period.

REIGATE PRIORY, entertaining BARNES, won by 5 clear goals, Morthew (3), Leighton, and Bourne scoring, three of the goals coming in the first half.

London's two big games were those at Beckenham and Wimbledon, where the clubs of those names respectively met the Army and the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. WIMBLEDON were rather unexpectedly beaten by the ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINES by 3 goals to 1, after each side had scored once in the first half. C. Morley Brown, the Scottish Internationalist, went through for the club, but Sub.-Lieut. J. H. Eades, once in each half, and Lieut.-Commdr. P. Plummer netted for the Service.

The score by which the Royal Navy beat Wimbledon sufficed to give BECKENHAM a victory over the ARMY, who were behind by the odd goal of three at half-time, after having taken the lead in the early stages through Lieut. C. W. Cook, the Irish forward. Hulbert Ashton, a young member of that famous sporting family, and K. Fison put Beckenham ahead before half-time, and H. Lewis scored in the second period of what was the best game so far seen at Beckenham this season.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND, owing to the Army's fixture, were weakly represented for their visit to SURBITON, who won comfortably by 6 goals to 1, after scoring three times without reply in the first half. J. W. H. Tyrrell was in great form for the club, and he netted five of the goals, Strutt getting the sixth. Cambridge went through for the Command. SOUTHGATE, with J. H. Wonnacott scoring four goals and C. S. Petheram, the former Internationalist, one, beat BRONDESBURY, on the latter's ground, by 5 goals to 2 (Reevy and Nazeer Ali), after leading by 3—0 at the interval.

SPENCER, who have been playing so well this season, when they have beaten both University teams, defeated OLD FELSTEDIANS at Wandsworth by 6 goals to 3, having led by 3—2 at half-time. Edgley (2), Woolley (2), Ogilvy, and Thipthorp scored for the winners, Parker (2) and Edwards replying.

ROYAL ENGINEERS, visiting BROMLEY, won by 4 goals to 1 after being a goal down at half-time. Andrews had scored in the first moiety, but Hancock went through four times for the Sappers afterwards. STAFF COLLEGE (Camberley) were too strong in attack for ST. BART'S HOSPITAL, who, though scoring four times through Heasman (2), Jameson-Edwards, and Austen, conceded seven goals, which Campion (3), Redman (2), and Simpson (2) scored.

OLD LOUGHTONIANS ran riot against STAINES at High Beech. W. Trimby collecting six goals, L. H. Shelley, the Internationalist, four, and A. Lloyd one, while Staines, in reply to those eleven, claimed only two (Lumsden and Thompson).

The women had an interesting county programme with the best game concerning LANCASHIRE, who commenced a short London tour by opposing MIDDLESEX at Chiswick. Middlesex won by 2 goals to 1, Miss K. McArthur and Miss Reilly scoring for them while Miss Liebert went through for the County Palatine, who were behind by Miss McArthur's goal at the interval.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

COUNTY MATCHES.			
Lincolnshire	4	Lancashire	0
Cheshire	5	Durham	0
Yorkshire	3	Northumberland	0
WESTERN COUNTIES TOURNAMENT.			
Hereford	1	Cornwall	1
Gloucestershire	4	Dorset	1
Somerset	4	United Services	0
Wiltshire	3	Devonshire	0
CLUB MATCHES.			
Surbiton	6	Aldershot Command	1
Southgate	5	Brondesbury	2
Purley	8	Dulwich	1
Staff Coll. (Cam.)	7	St. Barts Hosp.	4
Old Loughtonians	11	Staines	2
Spencer	6	Old Felstedians	3
Royal Engineers	4	Bromley	1
Old Southendians	2	Brentwood	0
Metropolitan Police	5	R.N.C. (Greenwich)	3
N.P. Bank Town	14	N.P. Bank (Country)	1
Spencer II.	7	Richings Park	0
N.P. Bank II.	2	Ilford II.	2
Wimbledon	1	Royal Navy	3
Beckenham	3	Army	1
Hounslow	3	Crouch End	1
West Herts	4	Northampton	1
Sittingbourne	6	St. James's, Hatcham	1
Birkbeck College	1	London Sch. of Econ.	0
Purley II.	1	Dulwich II.	0
Birkbeck College II.	1	London S. of Ec. II.	0
St. James's, Hatcham III.	4	C.I.A. II.	4
Croydon P.O. II.	3	Epsom III.	2
Beckenham III.	10	Sevenoaks II.	2
Beckenham IV.	4	Chelmsford II.	2
Purley IV.	2	Dulwich IV.	1
Purley III.	2	Dulwich III.	2
Purley V.	6	Hays Wharf II.	0
Tulse Hill	2	Oxford University	1
Mid-Surrey	1	Teddington	0
Old Kingstonians	3	Hampstead	1
Cheam	4	Bank of England	2
Ashford (Middlesex)	2	Windsor	0
Sevenoaks	5	Burnt Ash	0
Polytechnic A	7	Old Framl. II.	3
Reigate Priory	5	Barnes	0
Woolwich Poly.	1	Boro' Poly	1
Kingston G. Sch.	8	East Surrey Regt.	2
Hornchurch	2	2nd Medium B. R.A.	0
Imperial Coll.	3	Hornsey	1
Reading Univ.	1	Southampton	1
Westminster Bank	2	Blackheath	1
R.A.F., Stanmore	4	West Herts II.	3
Hawks	4	Beckenham II.	2
Sterling	2	Hornchurch II.	1
Teddington II.	4	Mid-Surrey II.	0
Richmond & K.H. II.	8	Univ. Coll. Hosp.	0
Univ. College II.	7	Raven	3
P.L.A.	3	Ilford III.	0
Chelmsford II.	9	St. Thomas's II.	0
Hawke II.	8	Merton II.	1
Bank of England III.	3	Cheam III.	2
Guildhall III.	3	Reigate III.	3
Westminster Bk. III.	3	Blackheath III.	2
Waddon	6	Spencer IV.	4
Teddington IV.	3	Mid-Surrey IV.	2
Civil Service IV.	9	L.M. and S.R. IV.	2
Guildhall	1	Enfield	0
Guildhall II.	2	Enfield II.	0
Guildhall III.	3	Reigate III.	2
Surbiton IV.	11	Croydon M.O. IV.	4
Birkbeck Coll. III.	2	Southgate VI.	0
Richmond and Kingston Hill	4	Nottingham	2
Old Kingstonians A	4	R.M.A. (Woolwich)	3
Siemens II.	2	R.M.A. (Woolwich) II.	0
Billericay	4	Romford	1
Lloyds Bank	4	Barclays Bank	2
King's College	6	Battersea Polytechnic	0
City of London M.H.	3	Maidstone	2
Southern Railway	3	Wimbledon A	1
Chelmsford	5	Wimbledon II.	1
Croydon M.O.	7	Epsom II.	2
Barnet II.	4	Goodmayes II.	3
Bromley II.	3	Woolwich Garrison	2
Reading II.	2	G.W.R. II.	1
G.W.R. III.	3	Stan. Telephones II.	1
Whites	1	Colours	1
(South Wales Trial.)			
East Grinstead	4	St. Thomas's Hospl.	0
King's College	6	Battersea Poly.	1
West Middlesex	5	Egham	0
Old Southendians	4	Brentwood	1
Folkestone Optimists	4	2nd Bn. Queen's Regt. (Dover)	0
Nat. Phys. Lab.	1	R.A.S.C. (Feltham)	1
London Scottish	4	Exiles	1
Gravesend	6	S. of M. Engineering	0
Heath and Oakwood	4	Gravesend II.	0
4th/7th Dragoon Gds. (Shorncliffe)	2	Folkestone Opt. II.	1
Polytechnic II.	5	Aquarius	3
Polytechnic A.	7	Old Framling'ns II.	3
Nat. Phys. Lab. II.	2	Weybridge	1
King's College II.	5	Battersea Poly. II.	1
St. John's II.	5	Nat. Phys. Lab III.	1
Nat. Phys. Lab. IV.	4	Watneys III.	0
Polytechnic IV.	6	Merton IV.	1
Barclays Bank II.	8	Lloyds Bank II.	2
Reigate II.	2	Barnes II.	0
Old Cranleighans	4	Surbiton II.	3
Tulse Hill II.	1	R.A.F. A	1
Southgate II.	6	Brondesbury II.	0
H.A.C. III.	8	St. Albans	2
Constitutional Hill	3	Surbiton A	1
Tulse Hill IV.	4	St. James's, Hatcham II.	2
Owls (Camberley)	1	Tulse Hill III.	4
Southgate IV.	3	Brondesbury IV.	3
Purley IV.	2	Dulwich IV.	1
Croydon Municipal IV.	3	Surbiton IV.	11
Southgate V.	3	Ilford IV.	4
H.A.C. IV.	7	Wallington III.	5
Purley Ex V.	2	Croxtyx	4
WOMEN'S MATCHES.			
Lensbury	9	Midland Bank	5
Northamptonshire	6	Bedfordshire	1
Wiltshire	5	Hampshire	3
Romford	3	Crowstone	2
Hythe	3	Folkestone Optimists	1
Smarden	12	Folkestone Opts. II.	1
Cambridgeshire	2	Hertfordshire	1
Staffordshire	8	Oxfordshire	5
Somerset	3	Devonshire	2
Sevenoaks	5	Hildenborough	2
Sevenoaks II.	6	Crostyx III.	2
Middlesex	2	Lancashire	1
Kent	3	Surrey	2
Cheshire	2	Durham	1
Catford Wanderers	3	St. James, Hatcham	2
Bedford College	3	Catford	1
Chartered Bank of India II.	4	Chelsea Poly. III.	0

ATHLETICS.

STOCK EXCHANGE SEVEN MILES WALK.

GRIMWADE WINS AGAIN

H. J. Grimwade and A. H. Foster, who for the past three years have fought out first place in the Stock Exchange Club's seven miles walking championship, were again the chief rivals for leading honours in the championship, which was decided over a hilly course at Croydon. Foster won the event in 1927 and 1928, Grimwade being second on each occasion; but the latter turned the tables in 1929, and repeated his victory in this year's contest.

There were thirty-seven starters, and only one of the competitors failed to finish the course. Grimwade took the lead from the start and, although challenged by Foster at the half-distance, managed to retain his advantage to the end. His time was 58 min. 29 3-5 sec., and Foster's was 58 min. 49 sec. J. Clegg, winner of the recent Stock Exchange 25 miles walk, finished third in 1 hr. 0 min. 8 2-5 sec.

The Inter-Firm team race was won by Greener, Dreyfus and Co., with a total of 17 points, Share and Loan Department being second with 18 points, and Weddle, Beck and Co. third with 29 points. R. P. Wilkins was the winner of the novices' prize, and D. P. Murphy (10 min. 30 sec.) secured the handicap award. Results:—

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.—*H. J. Grimwade (C. T. Pulley and Co.) (holder), 58 min. 29 3-5 sec., 1; A. H. Foster (Greener, Dreyfus and Co.), 58 min. 49 sec., 2; J. Clegg (Fenn and Crosthwaite), 1 hr. 8 2-5 sec., 3; H. A. Hake (Share and Loan Dept.), 1 hr. 3 min. 10 sec., 4; *L. J. Hollyer (C. W. Battersby, Esq.), 1 hr. 3 min. 57 sec., 5; E. H. J. Hellings (Share and Loan Dept.), 1 hr. 4 min. 41 sec., 6; *F. W. Etheridge (W. A. Simpson and Co.), 1 hr. 5 min. 9 sec., 7; *L. G. A. Pasfield (Whitelaw, Young and Co.), 1 hr. 5 min. 42 sec., 8; *R. P. Wilkins (T. G. Hensler and Co.), 1 hr. 6 min. 41 sec., 9; D. P. Murphy (Weddle, Beck and Co.), 1 hr. 6 min. 43 sec., 10; C. W. Underwood (Greener, Dreyfus and Co.), 1 hr. 6 min. 49 sec., 11; *S. E. Cuthbert (C. D. Hoblyn and King), 1 hr. 7 min. 49 sec., 12.

* Denotes individual entrant.

INTER-FIRM TEAM RACE.—Greener, Dreyfus and Co. (1, 6, 10)=17 pts., 1; Share and Loan Dept. (3, 4, 11)=18 pts., 2; Weddle, Beck and Co. (5, 8, 16)=29 pts., 3; Shaw and Co., 33 pts., 4; Fenn and Crosthwaite, 34 pts., 5; H. Evans, Gordon and Co., 50 pts., and H. Campbell and Co., 50 pts., equal, 6.

HANDICAP.—D. P. Murphy (10 min. 30 sec.), 56 min. 13 sec., 1; F. W. Etheridge (8 min.), 57 min. 9 sec., 2; E. H. J. Hellings (7 min. 15 sec.), 57 min. 26 sec., 3.

LONDON UNIVERSITY DEFEATED.

The Orion Harriers defeated London University in a cross-country match over a distance of seven miles, at New Malden, scoring 25 points against 30. London University, however, had the first man home in F. Bullen, who covered the course in 39 min. 18 sec. The first six home were:—

K. Bullen (London University), 39 min. 18 sec., 1; D. F. Elgie (Orion), 40 min. 15 sec., 2; G. E. Ross (Orion), 40 min. 40 sec., 3; R. C. Norton (Orion), 4; W. Brown (London University), 5; J. W. Hunter (Orion), 6.

The placings were:—Orion Harriers, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10=25; London University: 1, 5, 7, 8, 9=30.

BIRCHFIELD HARRIERS' SWEEPING VICTORY.

Birchfield Harriers scored a sweeping victory in the Midland C.C.A. annual "Everill" Cup race for juniors, which was decided over six miles at Harborne, when their scoring men totalled 78 points. Small Heath H. were second with 232 points—154 points behind the winners, and Tipton third. Last year Tipton won by two points from Birchfield. A record entry of 32 teams, comprising 322 starters, entered for the event, which resulted in an individual victory for J. T. Price (Birchfield H.) in 30 min. 15 sec.

EAST OF SCOTLAND RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Twenty teams competed in the East of Scotland Relay Championship, decided over a 2½ miles course of mixed country at Corstorphine, Edinburgh. Edinburgh Northern Harriers won in 61 mins 2 sec. for the full distance. Edinburgh Southern Harriers were second in 62 min. 1 sec. and Dundee Thistle Harriers (holders) third in 62.21.

SOUTHEND BOROUGH CHAMPIONSHIP.

H. J. Coltman (Southend and County H.) won the Borough of Southend cross-country championship at Prittlewell, covering the distance of 7 miles in 37 mins. L. A. Pool (Southend and County H.) was second in 37.35, and G. W. Smith (Leigh-on-Sea H.) third in 39.50.

WYCOMBE PHŒNIX HARRIERS WIN.

Scoring 124 point against 182, Wycombe Phœnix Harriers defeated the 2nd Batt. Royal Tank Corps in a cross-country match over a course of about 5½ miles at Farnborough. The first man home was Pte. W. Elwin, who covered the distance in 32 min. 35 sec. Elwin took the lead after going a mile, and thereafter set a very strong pace to finish a comfortable winner from T. W. Johnson (Wycombe Phœnix Harriers) The team placings were:—Wycombe Phœnix H.: 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19=124. 2nd Batt. R.T.C.: 1, 4, 6, 8, 13, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27=182.

ROWING.

LONDON R.C. EIGHTS.

Three eights took part in a handicap decided from Hammersmith Bridge to Putney Bridge. The scratch crew stroked by A. J. Harby, overhauled one of the crews, but failed to catch the limit eight which received 4 sec., stroked by E G. L. Howitt, by half a length. The winning crew comprised E. H. Beechey (bow), J. Coomber, T. D. Boyland, R. Nicholls, G. Wood, B. T. Hill, R J. Forbes, and E. G. L. Howitt (str.). Owing to fog the Christmas Scratch Eights had to be abandoned after the preliminary heats had been decided.

VARSITY WOMEN'S MATCH.

Two women's crews, representing colleges at Oxford and Cambridge, met on the Thames at Reading in a time and style contest. The course was half-a-mile, and Cambridge won in 2 min. 24 3-5 sec. Oxford's time was 2 min. 27 sec. The course was downstream, and although Oxford showed slightly the better style than the winners, their speed was not so great. Cambridge were the better crew. They rowed over the course first and were then followed by Oxford. The Cambridge stroke, Miss Joan Thompson (of Bristol), celebrated her twenty-first birthday by stroking her crew to victory.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK R.C.

The annual eight-oared race between town and country members of the National Provincial Bank R.C. took place at Hammersmith over a course from Chiswick Steps to the Clubhouse. The result was: Country Members—C. D. Micklemore (bow), J. D. S. Kelly, N. O. Quinn, J. Champion, G. C. Wells, M. O. Roberts, F. P. Davis, G. T. H. Hammond (str.), and J. Collins (cox)—1; Town Members—S. Tasker (bow), A. R. Hunt, S. R. Cox, A. B. Birchett, G. V Jones, R. V. Abbott, O. St. J. Hamlin, A. Stevens (str.), and W. A. Pain (cox)—2. After a great struggle the Country Members won by two-thirds of a length.

WEST END A.R.A. FOURS.

The Winter Fours, for the Robert Everett Cup, were continued at Hammersmith yesterday over a mile course. By winning their fifth successive heat in the "C" Division, Holborn R.C. qualified to meet the winners of the "A" and "B" Divisions in the final early in January.

EMPIRE BILLIARDS.

DAVIS BEATS LINDRUM.

Davis, who received 7,000 in his International Billiards Tournament match with Lindrum, won by 746. In the final session Davis made breaks of 417 and 173, and Lindrum scored 361, 339, and 252. There was nothing very distinguished about the billiards, but Davis, who made the biggest score, would probably have gone on to add considerably to it if he had not been stopped for a foul, after making 36 consecutive close cannons. Lindrum scored 993 and averaged 110; Davis, 775 and 97. Final scores:—

DAVIS (rec. 7,000)	24,613
*LINDRUM	23,817

NEWMAN'S GREAT FINISH.

Newman made a wonderful finale in his match with McConachy at Thurston's by building up an unfinished 1,160 at the last innings of the game. This was Newman's eleventh break of four figures in the present season and his seventh of the match. Newman, by winning by 16,856, averaged 196 for the match, compared with 83 by McConachy.—Result:—

NEWMAN (rec. 7,000)	36,230
McCONACHY (rec. 7,000)	19,374

RESULT.

S. SMITH (rec. 12,000)	22,170
W. SMITH	21,762

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Fog interfered with the rifle shooting at Bisley. The North London R.C. had arranged a winter competition for 300, and 500 yards, but as shooting beyond the 300 yards range was impossible, the conditions were changed to ten shots at 200 and 300 yards. W. O. McBryde was the highest scorer with 95 points. The Stock Exchange had spoon, time limit, and trustees and managers' competitions, and three team matches on the City Ranges; J. O Capper, A. Coleman, F. Beard, A. E. McKerness and R. Riley, who each scored 90 points tied in the spoon shoots. R. Riley and F. C. Baker, 99 points each, were the highest scorers in the time limit contest. The highest scorer in the trustees and managers' series was F. Beard, 100 points. Lee beat the Stock Exchange A team by 589 points to 585. Imperial Chemical beat Stock Exchange B by 580 points to 571 The Stock Exchange C beat the Constitutional Club by 559 to 548.

FENCING.

BIRMINGHAM'S GALLANT RESISTANCE.

SABRE CLUB JUST WIN.

By LEON BERTRAND.

Comparatively speaking, I must award the honours of a hard fought sabre battle to the Birmingham F.C., who yesterday, at the Sabre Club's headquarters, took their powerful hosts to the penultimate bout before admitting defeat, the final score being 14—11 in favour of the Sabre Club

One cannot pretend that the sabre-fencing was good; it was rugged, but it was animated and always interesting. In the first round the home side were outpointed by 3—2. Then O. G. Trinder, the amateur sabre champion, beat a very seasoned opponent in Major R. E. Cole, to bring the scores level. A. G. Pilbrow paid the penalty of hasty, ill-judged attacks, and was deservedly beaten by Major A. D. Pearce, a victory which put Birmingham in front again. The leaders looked like extending their advantage when G. F. Haycraft got away from the Hungarian sabreur, G. S. Schwartz, and with a fine riposte at cheek from fourth against a point flèche, secured a lead of 4—1. But Schwartz made a splendid recovery and snatched the verdict with beat and cut at arm. Rear-Admiral the Hon. W. S. Leveson-Gower had no difficulty in defeating K. H Mustapha, and G. L. Harry won easily from V. Clayton-Morris. The second round thus closed 6—4 in favour of the Sabre Club.

The home side took a closer grip of the game in the third series, and, aggregating 3—2, increased their advantage to 9—6. Now came Birmingham's effort. Major Cole overcame Schwartz, winning by a not unsubtle flèche attack with the point. Major Pearce accounted for Admiral Leveson-Gower, and Haycraft put up a splendid performance to beat Harry by 5—2. Two victories by Trinder and Pilbrow against Mustapha and Clayton-Morris respectively gave the Sabre Club a reduced majority on the fourth round, the totals being 11—9. Major Cole's defence was too sound for Admiral Leveson-Gower's flèche attacks. Leading 4—2, the former received, as it appeared to me, a bad decision against him, and eventually the Admiral drew level, but Major Cole was finally vindicated by a disengagement in time. Two left-handers in Harry and Major Pearce followed, the former winning with a nice cut at arm. 12—10 and three to play, Trinder faced Haycraft, and was a trifle unlucky when his riposte went unperceived, an oversight which cost him the bout.

Having regard to their wider scope the Sabre Club should have demonstrated more convincing form. The match might even have gone to the final assault, had not Pilbrow struggled home against Mustapha by the odd hit—to place the issue beyond doubt. Details:—

SABRE CLUB.—Trinder, 4—1; Harry and Schwartz, 3—2; Admiral Leveson-Gower and Pilbrow, 2—3, 14 wins.

BIRMINGHAM.—Major Cole, 4—1; Haycraft and Major Pearce, 3—2; Clayton-Morris, 1—4; Mustapha, 0—5; 11 wins.

BERTRANDS' NARROW WIN.

FOIL DECIDES THE MATCH.

By M. POLLOCK-SMITH.

There was an exceptionally international atmosphere at Bertrands, when the home side fielded a foil quartette composed of an Englishman, a German, a Swede, and an Italian, while the visitors—Tassart-Parkins—put one Dane and three Britishers in opposition. Bertrands won the Foil 10—6, and drew the Epée, so gaining the match on the 18—14 aggregate.

Play opened with Praem and Cederin. Five minutes' demonstration of the intricacies of the weapon was unproductive. Having exhausted every combination of attack and counter-attack, Cederin went out to score with a simple disengage.

Bertrands were short of foilists, and anticipated heavy defeat, but Cederin received good backing from both Schlesinger and Stark. The former rose gamely to the occasion, and has never fenced better. With a swift surety his ripostes—mainly from counter Carte found the target, and he beat all but the cool-headed Praem, only being run to three-all by Wilkin, against whom his deciding counter sixte riposte won the event for Bertrands. Stark fought splendidly, and, while he scored many fine ripostes, his attacks, especially by *filo degagé*, were his forte.

Excepting isolated bouts the match was a classic from the technical aspect, for in addition to Cederin and Praem, Fildes's emotionless fencing and some of Crosland's play all contributed to a finished display. Stark produced the contrast, and was the personification of modern combative fencing—the method which strikes to kill first time out, if possible. Tassart-Parkins required to win the Epée 11—5 to gain the day, and, deprived of Praem's services, this offered a tough proposition.

When de Beaumont scored 2—0 on Fildes in the eleventh bout, the home team were safe from defeat on the aggregate of 16—11 and 5 to go. Crosland delayed the result by his odd point on Camel, and it fell to Clausetti to win the match by his touch on Berliand from 1-all. De Beaumont then hit Wilkin after sharing a coup-double, Fildes beat Camel from 1-all, and the duelling closed when Crosland scored the deciding point on Evill to make the Epée 8-all and the match 18-14. Details:—

FOIL.—Bertrands: Lieut. B. Cederin, 3 wins, 1 defeat, 6 hits; F. Stark, 3—1—7; G. Schlesinger, 3—1—9; E. Clausetti, 1—3—14. Total, 10 wins. Tassart-Parkins: T. Praem, 4—0—7; Luke V. Fildes, 1—3—13; W. R. Wilkin, 1—3—14; C. E. Crosland, 0—4—16. Total, 6 wins.

EPEE.—Bertrands: C. L. de Beaumont, 4—0—2; E. Clausetti, 2—2—5; W. A. Evill and C. R. Camel, each 1—3—7. Total, 8 wins. Tassart-Parkins: Luke V. Fildes, 3—1—4; W. R. Wilkin, 2—2—4; C. E. Crosland, 2—2—6; B. Berliand, 1—3—7. Total, 8 wins.

JENKINSON CUP FOIL COMPETITION.

J. B. Armstrong, the British International, who was undefeated, won the sixth annual competition for the Captain John Jenkinson Cup, decided among members of the Inns of Court O.T.C. at Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn. H. W. G. Betteridge, a previous winner, was second, beaten only by Armstrong, while R. C. Dicker, the holder, took third place with two defeats. The chief results were as follows:—

J. B. Armstrong beat H. W. G. Betteridge, P. C. Alliston, D. W. T. Smithies, Capt. L. E. Cording, R. C. Dicker, Capt. F. Mellor, Dr. T. B. Pitts, and Dr. J. A. Glover, and secured first place. H. W. G. Betteridge lost only to J. B. Armstrong and was placed second. R. C. Dicker, who lost only to J. B. Armstrong and H. W. G. Betteridge, but did not meet Dr. J. A. Glover, was awarded third place.

YACHTING.

SOLENT CLASSES RACING

SOUTHSEA, Saturday.

There was a good attendance of club delegates and members at the annual general meeting of the Solent Classes Racing Association, held at the Royal Albert Yacht Club under the presidency of Sir Ralph St. G. Gore (Royal Yacht Squadron). The statement of accounts showed that the substantial balance brought forward had been slightly increased as the result of the year's working.

Sir Ralph St. G. Gore was re-elected president with Colonel R. A. Sloane Stanley vice-president, Major H. Manford honorary auditor, Col. F. L. Galloway honorary secretary and treasurer, and Col. J. E. Rhodes, Major H. Mansford, Lord Forster, and Messrs. Charles E. Nicholson, F. A. Richards, and Norman Clark Neill, members of the council.

A number of alterations were made to the rules, and the following were fixtures arranged for next season:—

June 1.—Royal Yacht Squadron (Cowes); 2, Royal London Y.C. (Cowes); 3, Royal Southern Y.C. (Cowes); 4, Royal Victoria Y.C. (Ryde); 5, Royal Thames Y.C. (Ryde); 6, 8, Lymington Y.C. (Lymington); 9, Castle Y.C.; 11, Royal Motor Y.C. (Hythe); 13, Lee-on-Solent S.C. (Lee-on-Solent); 17, Royal Southampton Y.C. (Calshot); 18, 19, Island S.C (Cowes); 20, Castle Y.C.; 25, Royal Motor Y.C. (Hythe); 26, Royal Albert Y..C. (Southsea); 27, Royal Portsmouth Corinthian Y.C. (Southsea). July 2.—Royal Southern Y.C. (Calshot); 3, Royal Albert Y.C. (Southsea); 4, Royal Portsmouth Corinthian Y.C. (Southsea); 6, Island S.C. (Cowes); 7, Royal London Y.C. (Cowes); 8, Castle Y.C.; 9, 10, 11, Bembridge S.C. (Bembridge); 14, Royal Southampton Y.C. (Calshot); 15, 16, Royal Victoria Y.C. (Ryde). July 17.—Royal Albert Y.C. (Southsea); 18, Hamble River S.C.; 20, 21, Island S.C. (Cowes); 22, Royal London Y.C. (Cowes); 23, Castle Y.C.; 25, Royal Thames Y.C. (Ryde); 27, Royal Thames Y.C. (Ryde); 28, Prince of Wales Cup Royal Thames (Ryde); 29, Minima Y.C. (Southampton). August 1.—Royal Southampton Y.C. (Calshot); 3, Royal London Y.C. (Cowes); 3, Royal Yacht Squadron (Cowes); 4, Royal London Y.C. (Cowes); 5, Royal Yacht Squadron (Cowes); 6, Island Sailing Club (Cowes); 6, Royal Yacht Squadron (Cowes); 7, Cowes Town Regatta; 8, Royal Southern Yacht Club (Cowes); 10, 11, Royal Victoria Y.C. (Ryde); 12, 13, Royal Albert Y.C. (Southsea); 14, 15, Seaview Y.C. (Seaview); 17, Lymington Y.C. (Lymington); 20-21, Solent Y.C. (Yarmouth); 22, West Wight S.C. (Yarmouth); 25, Castle Y.C.; 26, 27, Royal Motor Y.C. (Hythe).

'VARSITY SQUASH RACKETS.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD

GANDAR-DOWER PLAYS WELL.

By HUBERT WINTERBOTHAM.

Cambridge won their squash rackets match against Oxford at Queen's Club for the first time since its official institution. They did it in no half-hearted manner, winning all five events.

K. C. Gandar-Dower was, of course, the star artist on either side. He is, indeed, so good that he is strongly fancied, in some quarters, to win the amateur championship. The Cambridge second string, B. W. Greenup, stood very high, also, as he had caused a considerable surprise on the first day of the amateur championship by defeating so experienced a player as Colonel W. F. Basset.

The match between Gandar-Dower and E. M. Buzzard was a good one, and compared very favourably in many respects with the professional championship match between Charles Read and Donald Butcher which had preceded it. Both went off at a tremendous pace. Gandar-Dower does not look fast, but, in fact, he covers the court surprisingly. In this respect, Buzzard was very little behind him, and, in consequence, the exchanges were always interesting and frequently thrilling. Buzzard came out of his severe ordeal, though he was beaten by three games to love, with great credit. He has the makings of an exceptional "squash" player, and his ball control, particularly, is well above the average.

Gandar-Dower soon got to 4—0 in the first game, and held the lead throughout. Buzzard began to find the pace of the court in the second, after Gandar-Dower had led 3—0 and 7—5. At this point Buzzard played splendidly and with a good three, during which he showed nearly all the strokes in the game, led for the first time by 8—7. Gandar-Dower got in, however, and after equalising, won the first point in the set. Buzzard put him out, but failed himself, and Gandar-Dower won the necessary point for the game.

The pace continued as hot as ever in the third game, in which Buzzard maintained his form, to lead by 6—3. In the course of seven hands Gandar-Dower crept up to 6 all. Buzzard won another point to lead 7—6, but Gandar-Dower then got in, and, playing deadly "squash," took the next three points for the game and match.

A Hard Game.

T. C. S. Haywood (Cambridge) had a five-game match with D. S. Clarke. The first was a very close one indeed; Clarke just winning by 10—9. The second was desperately fought for a long time, there being a long succession of blank hands. Gradually Haywood established a superiority, winning this game at 9—7, and going on to take the third at 9—2. The pace had been pretty fast hitherto, and Haywood decided to take a breather in the fourth, which Clarke won with the loss of only one point. Haywood, thoroughly refreshed, was always on top in the fifth game. A regrettable feature of this match was the number of lets allowed. It is only fair to say in this connection that Clarke was the chief offender.

K. C. Gandar-Dower (Harrow and Trinity) beat E. M. Buzzard (Charterhouse and Magdalen), 9—5, 10—8, 9—7.

B. W. Greenup (Merchant Taylors and St. John's) beat J. G. Kell (Charterhouse and New College), 9—5, 9—2, 9—2.

T. C. S. Haywood (Winchester and Magdalene) beat D. S. Clarke (Haileybury and Corpus Christi), 9—10, 9—7, 9—2, 1—9, 9—5.

Sir A. M. S. Bethune (Eton and Magdalene) beat I. A. de H. Lyle (Eton and Trinity), 8—10, 9—6, 4—9, 10—8, 9—7.

R. G. Bullen (St. Peter's, York, and Queen's) beat N. McCaskie (Winchester and B.N.C.), 9—6, 9—1, 9—5.

GOLF CLUB COMPETITIONS.

BRAMLEY: M.M.—J. H. Anderson, 80—6=74. Jun.: J. A. Salter, 99—15=84.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE.—M.M.: W. D. Ronald, 82—6=76; J. Flowers, 89—10=79.

BUSHEY HALL.—M.C.—Sen.: A. R. Collings, 92—10=82 Jun.: A. Knaus, 98=16=82.

BUSH HILL PARK.—M.M.—Sen.: A. J. Studholme, 75—6=69. Jun: E. E. Smith, 85—17=68.

COODEN BEACH.—M.B.: Lt.-Col S. R. G. Bake (8), all square; A. Kelt (4), 1 down.

COOMBE HILL.—W.C.—Bogey: R. B. Foster (scratch), 3 up.

COULSDON COURT.—M.B.—Sen.: S. H. Swallow (14), 3 down. Jun.: P. H. Hargreaves (24) all square.

CREWS HILL: M.B.: Sen.: H. H. Pegg (9), all square. Jun.: C. W. Linbrey (18) and S. Nicol (18) tied at 1 down.

CROHAM HURST.—M.M.—Sen.: A. Goodsir, 74—3=71. Jun.: E. Wrench, 87—15=72, and N Foskett, 90—18=72, tied.

DENHAM.—M.M.—Sen.: J. D. Kerr, 80—2=78. Jun.: J. S. E. Todd, 92—14=78.

EALING: M.M.: First Div.—Harvey Butler, 83—6=77. Second Div.: Dr. E. J. Selby, 84—16=68

EAST BRIGHTON.—M.B.—Sen.: C. B. Simeon (4), 1 up. Jun.: C. Sigge (14), 1 down.

FERNDOWN: M.M.: First Division.—F. Simpson, 87—12=75. Second Division, G. Mean..., 95—13=82.

FLACKWELL HEATH.—M.M.—Sen.: R. Jennison, 80—2=78. Jun.: F. R. Gomme, 95—17=78.

GOODWOOD.—M.B.: E. W. Garry (10), 1 up

GRIMS DYKE.—M.B.—Sen.: S. W. Hedges (8), W. N. Cundy (10), and B. L. Clarke-Lens (11), tied at 3 down. Jun.: G. Howard-Jones (14), 9 down.

HADLEY WOOD.—M.M.—Sen.: F. E. Morgan, 92—9=83; J. R. Thomas, 92—9=83, tied. Jun.: F A. Smith 91—15=76.

HASTINGS.—M.M.: R. S. Joyner, 82—5=77.

HIGHWOOD (BEXHILL).—M.M.: Lieut.-Col. A M. Toulmin, 98—16=82.

MAIDENHEAD: Club Cup.—W. D. W. Brookes, 82—7=75.

MALDEN.—M.M.—Sen.: A. J. Wilson, 83—11=72. Jun.: C. C. Percy, 93—15=78.

MUSWELL HILL: M.M.: First Class: W. P. Stuart, 79—4=75.

PORTERS PARK.—M.M.—Sen.: Captain C. Mackenzie, 83—5=78. Jun.: Ivan Maltby, 100—18=82.

PRINCE'S LADIES (MITCHAM): M.M.—Mrs. Kugi, 108—31=77.

REDHILL AND REIGATE.—M.M.—Sen.: W. E. Pennick, 81—10=71. Jun.: A. W. Ladden, 82—15=67.

RICHMOND.—M.B.—Sen.: K. E. Poyser (6), 1 up and F. Bonham-Carter (10), 1 up, tied. Jun.: L. C. Bonham (14), 1 down.

ROCHESTER AND COBHAM PARK.—M.M.: R. Pratt. 89—8=81; J. A Miller. 89—8=81, tied

ROCHFORD HUNDRED.—B.C.—Sen.: E. D. Jackson (12), 1 down. Jun.: H. J. Conder (13). 2 down.

ROMFORD.—M.B.—Sen.: H. W. Plackett (2) 2 down. Jun.: T. C. Davis (11), 1 up.

ROYAL MID-SURREY.—Fortnightly M.—Sen.: C F. Woodbridge, 78, scratch, 78; S I. Fripp. 81—3=78; D. A. Drayson, 81—3=78; J. Livingston, 86—8=78; tied. Jun.: W. J. Bean. 90—12=78; Lt.-Col. R. S. Allen. 90—12=78. tied

ROYAL ST. DAVIDS (HARLECH).—M.C.: Rev. R. Hughes Williams, 73 net; J. Parry (Barmouth). 75 net.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S (RAMSGATE). — M.M.—First Div.: Hugh Smith. 80—9=71, Second Div.: A. G. Dare, 92—18=74.

SHIRLEY PARK.—M.M.—Sen.: H. G. Palmer Jun., 81—9=72; R. H. MacIntyre, 88—14=74.

SIDCUP.—M.M.—Div. I.: F. Monaghan, 83—9=74. Div. II.: R. E. Hart 89—16=73.

STANMORE.—M.M.—Sen.: D. B. Smith, 81—5=76. Jun.: A. C. Thorne, 88—14=74. Autumn Mixed Foursomes: Miss Brown and J. Williamson.

WANSTEAD.—M.M. (14 holes).—Sen.: A W. Daniel, 66—6=60. Jun.: G. H. Peacock, 74—13½=60½.

WEST ESSEX.—M.M.: A. E. Joseph, 77—3=74.

WEST SURREY.—M.M.: R. Sutton, 96—20=76; M D. Rogerson, 90—11=79.

WILLINGDON (EASTBOURNE).—M.M.—First Div.: E. K. Hole (4) and G. W. Plummer (5) tied at 73 net. Second Div.: E. E. Reynolds, 87—18=69.

WIMBLEDON PARK.—M.B.—Sen.: G. Lomax (3), 1 down. Jun.: S. Carver (17), 2 up

WORTHING.—M.M.—Div. 1: F. Croasdale, 84—11=73. Div. 2: F. R. Leighton-Crawford, 94—18=76.

WELSH BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

T. P. Dick, of Manchester, beat W. Basil Jones, the London Welshman, by 15—6, 15—11, in the final of the Men's Singles at the Welsh Badminton Championships, which were concluded at Craigside, Llandudno. Miss D. J. Colpoys retained the Women's Singles by beating Mrs. R. C. Tragett by 11—8, 11—1.

Dick and Basil Jones beat A. K. Stevenson and J. J. McCarry by 18—15, 15—10, in the final of the Men's Doubles; Mrs. Myers and Mrs. R. J. Horsley, the holders, won the Women's Doubles from Miss Coster and Miss Conway by 15—11, 15—7; and Dick completed the treble by winning the Mixed Doubles again with Miss Hogarth, beating in the final F. L. Treasure and Miss Cathcart Jones by 15—11, 15—9.

FIVES.

The Jesters (P. A. Malt, J. F. Burnet, J. G. Richards, K. R. R Readhead) beat Rugby School (W. J. Backhouse, H. C. Dunlop, M. S. Richards, A. G. Gavin) at Rugby Fives at Rugby by 86 points to 69.

The Old Sinjuns defeated U.C.S. Old Boys at Battersea by 120 points to 57.

Malvern College (R D. McKelvie, J. A. L. Brutton, J. F. Murphy, R. R. Wesel) beat Bradfield College (B. T. Porter, R. M. Fisher, P. L. Bathurst, G. A. Carpmael) at Malvern by 120 points to 49.

The Old Blues (K. W. Millage, C. R. Black, Dr. G. K. Cooper, S. Bloomfield) defeated the Old Paulines (G. Avgherinos, A. E. Bolter, I. W. Cheavin, C. G. Sinclair) by 143 points to 106 at West Kensington.

AMATEUR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP.

HOLDER'S STRONG CHALLENGE.

WOOD NO MATCH FOR CAZALET.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

No surprise, such as the defeat of Colonel W. F. Basset on Friday, occurred in the remaining matches of the first round of the Amateur Squash Rackets Championship concluded at the Bath Club, Dover Street, yesterday.

Capt. V. A. Cazalet, M.P., who beat Basset in the final last year, satisfied his friends that he is going to be no easier to beat this year than he has always been in this competition. He defeated Sir John Page Wood very easily by 9—1, 9—3, 9—4, and if it is said that he hit more down than he usually does, it will also be agreed that he played more varied "squash" than ever before—and that his mistakes were seldom made when his opponent was in hand. He set a great pace, and never slackened. Page Wood, who has been playing first string for the Conservative Club this season, made some very pretty strokes, but the pace was always a little too much for him, and caused him to make mistakes, and to Cazalet's drop shots he often made no attempt to respond, especially when they came at the end of an exhausting rally.

Eton Manor Candidates.

A gratifying feature of this year's competition has been the entry of two members of the East End club, the Eton Manor. On Friday S. Bazin beat W. Ross Skinner, and yesterday B. Stone won a good match against L. H. Crispe, an experienced player, who failed to stay the course. Both Bazin and Stone, in whom D. R. Jardine, the England cricketer, has taken a great interest, impressed by the spirit in which they played their matches—Bazin in particular being meticulous in getting out of the way after he had played his stroke.

The crisis in Stone's match came in the third game, for which there was a tremendous struggle, and although it went to Crispe after he had been behind, and gave him a 2—1 lead, it left him rather short of breath.

Allen's Rally.

G. O. Allen, the England bowler, won the most exciting match of the morning, beating P. D. Lindsay after losing the first two games, and being 8—5 down in the final game. Lindsay was in three times at "game-ball" in this game, and then Allen went to 8 all and won both points in the set, all in one hand, winning the match with a dead-nick in the right-hand back corner—a very lucky stroke at so important a juncture.

P. D. Maud, one of the fittest men in the competition, was always on top after the first two games against L. A. Escombe, who was beaten by 9—5, 7—9, 9—4, 9—0, and Lt.-Comdr. M. McMaster, R.N., did not look like losing a game to Capt. T. A. Bradford, a left-hander from the North.

Obviously, the match of most consequence in the second round to-morrow will be that between B. W. Greenup, the victor of Col. Basset on Friday, and R. S. Wright, the American, who specialises in the drop shot, and is one of the prettiest players to watch in the game, which promises a great contrast of styles. Greenup generally contrives to make his opponent do most of the running. It will be interesting to see Wright's riposte.

PROFESSIONAL TITLE MATCH.

D. Butchers (Conservative Club) gained a lead over C. Read (Queen's Club) (the holder) when he won the first half of their match for the squash rackets professional championship of the British Isles at Queen's Club. Butcher won by 9—6, 9—5, 9—5. The second match will take place on December 15 at the Conservative Club, Butcher's home court.

Great interest was taken in the match. Read has held the title since it was first instituted in 1908, having beaten all challengers. Butcher attacked at the start and soon had a 6—1 lead. Read then began to find his game and drew level at 6-all. Many hands followed with some long and brilliant rallies, but Butcher was a little more accurate and a shade the faster.

The first game lasted exactly half an hour, double as long as did the second and third games. Butcher, the younger man by fifteen years, was sufficiently on top all through to make his opponent do most of the running—a wise policy in view of Read's age.

Should Read win at their next meeting, a rubber match will be arranged to be played on a neutral court.

R.M.C. BEAT R.M.A.

The R.M.C. Sandhurst) beat the R.M.A. (Woolwich) in the annual squash rackets match by two events to one at Camberley yesterday, and so gained their third consecutive victory. Results:—J. R. Cairns (R.M.C.) beat D. I. Burnett 9—0, 9—4, 9—1; J. W. Malet (R.M.C) beat W. A. R. Sumner, 9—5 9—4, 9—6; R. W. de B. des Voeux (R.M.C.) lost to P. T. O'Brien-Butler, 6—9, 8—9, 9—7, 6—9.

LACROSSE.

Cheshire registered their twenty-first consecutive victory over Yorkshire at Cole Green, Stockport, winning by twenty-one goals to five. Cheshire, who included nine players from Stockport, the present League leaders, led at half time by ten goals to two. In the first few minutes of the second half Yorkshire got two more goals, but the rest of the game was Cheshire's. The scorers for Cheshire were Astle (6), Garside (5), Parsons (3), T. Knott (3), Ryan, Higson, Harroway, and R. Knott, and those for Yorkshire were Wormersley (2), Briggs Astington, and Nicholson.

INTER-COUNTY MATCH.			
Cheshire	21	Yorkshire	5
SOUTHERN TRIAL.			
Possibles (R. C. Bell's team)	8	South London	3
SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—DIV. III.			
Purley II.	5	Hampstead II.	5
Lee II.	9	Catford II.	3
CLUB MATCHES.			
Wallington	7	Henry Thornton Sch.	0
Buckhurst Hill II.	8	Surbiton II.	4
LADIES' INTER-COUNTY MATCH.			
Middlesex	10	Surrey	8
Kent	6	Oxford University	4
WESTERN MATCHES.			
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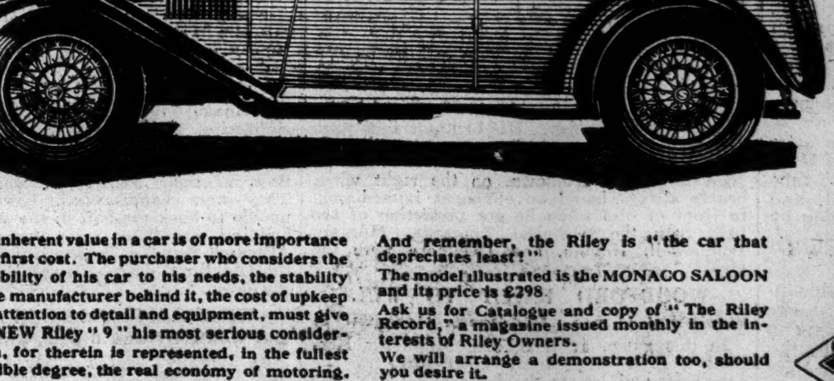

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HELP FOR SELECTORS — HALF-BACK SUGGESTIONS.

PROMISING OUTSIDES BUT FEW LIKELY FORWARDS.

By D. R. GENT.

Whites 45 pts., Colours 9.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

Though the Whites won this first trial by the colossal score of six goals and five tries to three tries, it was quite an interesting game to watch, and, what is more important still, the match must have helped the selectors a good deal. Among the scorers were some real beauties, and badly though the Colours were beaten, they were really not so disgraced as the score would suggest.

To take the full-backs first, L. L. Bedford, the Colours full-back, obviously had more to do than J. C. Hubbard, and his kicking and fielding at least were splendid, and he may well have another trial later on. Hubbard has often done better. The Whites three-quarters were good, especially when they had T. J. Barrington and E. B. Pope in front of them. The centres, D. W. Burland and M. A. McCanlis, combined well with Barrington, and some of the play between these three and Pope was delightful. In the second half, with the other halves in front of them (for they were changed at half-time), they did not look quite so formidable, even though they got tries galore. I think that both Burland and McCanlis did well enough to justify their being kept in the side, and the latter especially.

I liked L. Booth, the White's right wing. He knows where the line is, and goes for it hard. Both his tries were very well got indeed. Strange though it may seem, for he scored four tries, C. D. Aarvold's display was not convincing. He is probably feeling the effects of the New Zealand tour, for he lacked pace and dash on the wing, that is, judging him by the highest standards. He may improve, but I did not think he looked quite like developing into an England wing this year.

I liked the Colours' left wing, A. C. Harrison, though, very much indeed. There is not very much of him, but what there is is all muscle and grit. Moreover, he has pace and resource, while the try he scored was the result of as delightful a piece of side stepping as I have seen for years. He must surely come in again. The other three three-quarters engaged were just up to club standard, and are hardly likely to worry the selectors any more, Twose, perhaps, having bad luck in that he was practically starved.

Avoiding a Farce.

The half-back problem was rather complicated by the change made at half-time. Perhaps the selectors were justified in doing so, for otherwise the Whites might have scored more points still, and possibly made the game a farce. Barrington played very well indeed in the first half, despite a tendency to wriggle his body. While on the move that is not very helpful, and often interferes with the subsequent pass. But he and Pope got on splendidly, and both will figure in future trials. The half-backs I should like to see in the next match are Barrington and his clubmate C. B. Carter against Pope and L. H. Collison, the Cambridge centre, equally well served. This duel would be capital to watch.

Sam Tucker kept his Whites pack going wonderfully well, even if they did fade away a little as the game went on. They certainly started dashingly.

Among the lesser known men I liked R. Bolton and M. S. Bonaventura, while R. F. Davey did a few things so well as to make one think that, with a lot of first-class practice, he might train on to be an England player. Of the others, B. H. Black and P. C. Hordern were good; but I did not think the forward play all round was high class, and I am afraid the selectors will find it extremely difficult to get together a first-rate pack.

S. S. C. Meikle and A. R. Key made a very good pair for Barrington and Pope to play against, Meikle especially improving as the game went on, but I do not consider that either of these is as good as those I have previously mentioned.

The Play.

It was a pity that there were so many changes from the sides originally chosen—seven in all, I believe, apart from the changes from one side to the other—for it robbed the match of a lot of interest. The very nicely appointed Waterloo ground looked well with its recently enlarged stand, and it all did great credit to the energy and enthusiasm of the members of the club.

It was rather foggy when the game started, though hardly enough to interfere with the play, and the ground was fairly well filled. Hordern had been transferred to the Colours side to lead a rather inexperienced pack, while Meikle skippered the side, Tucker doing the same, of course, for the Whites.

Butler kicked off and Bonaventura tried to break away, but was well tackled. Almost at once the Whites scored. Pope fed Barrington very smartly, and the Bristol man made a beautiful opening that simply needed mechanical passing for Aarvold to score from the very first scrum. Hubbard missed the kick.

Again the Whites pressed, and Harrington was once more prominent. His pass to McCanlis was a good one, but the centre was well tackled at once by Butler. Then came a strong attack by the Colours, with Harriman and Harrison very much in the picture. A chance of scoring came to the side, but Meikle held on much too long when Harrison might have forced his way over.

The Whites scored again, largely through a delightful run by Pope, whose opening was finished off by Dunkley between the posts, Hubbard this time converting.

Pluckily the Colours stuck to their job, and it was a pity that a wild pass of Key's should have robbed his side of an attacking position, for back came the Whites at once, and another brilliant opening by Barrington saw McCanlis score from about half-way with a great run. Once more Hubbard converted precisely.

More Fireworks.

The same thing happened almost immediately afterwards, Barrington, McCanlis, and Aarvold this time supplying the fireworks, with the last named the scorer. This was not converted. A neat kick by Butler helped his side, and for the first time the Colours got to the opponents' line. Here they stayed for a few minutes, only to be forced away eventually and be hard pressed once more. For some time afterwards play was much more even, and a neat run and cross kick by Harrison deserved a better fate than a clever mark by Burland

A splendid burst up the middle by Burland looked like a score till a couple of Colours went for him hard and brought him down. Booth got a fifth try for the Whites after he and Bolton had combined prettily. Hubbard kicked a good goal. Just on half-time Sewell had to leave the field injured, and the whistle went with the Whites leading by twenty-one points to nil.

A Change in Halves.

After the interval Longland (Northampton) came on for Sewell, and the half-backs changed over, Pope and Barrington going to the Colours and Key and Meikle to the Whites. The change had an immediate effect, for right away the Colours scored, Pope working a neat opening which Butler carried on, and then gave the ball back to Pope, who scored, the kick being missed.

A careless pass by Aarvold was snapped up by Butler on the halfway line. Butler ran rather wildly, but eventually found Harrison on the other side of the field, and the wing scored a pretty try, the second for the Colours. Then came a Whites' try—and a beauty it was. Meikle scored it, but Booth made a lovely run to make it possible. Black converted. A dash by Burland and another by McCanlis gave Aarvold a clear run in for his third try. The kick was missed.

There were still plenty of tries to come, for Davey, Booth, Bonaventura, and Aarvold scored for the Whites, and Hamson for the Colours before the final whistle went. Of this last batch, Hubbard and Black converted one each.

WHITES.—J. C. Hubbard (Harlequins); C. D. Aarvold (Headingley), M. A. McCanlis (Gloucester), D. W. Burland (Bristol), and L. Booth (Headingley); T. J. M. Barrington (Bristol) and E. P. Pope (Blackheath); J. S. Tucker (Bristol), A. H. Bateson (Otley), M. S. Bonaventura (Blackheath), B. H. Black (Blackheath), P. E. Dunkley (Harlequins), L. N. Evans (Royal Navy), R. F. Davey (Leytonstone), and R. Bolton (Wakefield).

COLOURS.—L. L. Bedford (Headingley); A. C. Harrison (Hartlepools Rovers), B. D. Butler (Fylde), G. Harriman (Coventry), and A. V. Twose (Torquay); S. S. C. Meikle (Waterloo), and A. Key (Old Cranleighans); H. C. S. Jones (Manchester). H. B. Toft (Manchester University), E. P. Sewell (Harlequins), R. T. Foulds (Waterloo), P. C. Hordern (Newport), G. Townend (the Army and United Services), E. Carruthers (Sunderland), and S. Davies (Gloucester).

Referee.—Mr. T. J. Bradburn (Lancashire).

IRISH TRIAL.

MUNSTER OUTPLAY LEINSTER

Munster 19 pts., Leinster 6.

Munster beat Leinster in the Irish International trial game, which was played in good conditions at Cork. The winners were much the better side, their forwards controlling most of the exchanges, and their "outsides" passing well.

The Munster pack was the dominating factor in the first half, and the backs were far more thrustful than their opponents. Noel Murphy got a try from a run by O'Sullivan and Griffin, afterwards scoring another. Williamson converted, and also added a penalty. A penalty goal by Crowe gave Leinster their first score.

Munster eventually amazed their supporters by overwhelming Leinster, mainly owing to their speedy forwards combined with the enterprise of their backs. McNeice brought off a brilliant try far out, Noel Murphy grounding a minute later, and Williamson converting.

Leinster attacked strongly in the closing stages, and McMahon scored under the posts, Murray failing with the kick.

BLACKHEATH OUTPOINT DEVONPORT.

ALL-ROUND SUPERIORITY DISPLAYED.

Blackheath 17 pts., Devonport Services 6.

Blackheath won a pleasing game at the Rectory Field when they showed all-round superiority over the Devonport Services to the extent of a goal and four tries to two tries.

Despite the unpleasant weather, there was a very large crowd present, and although at times in the far distance the players looked like spectral figures, the game could be easily followed, and proved entertaining and at times exciting.

The Club won because they were considerably better outside than were the Services, and nowhere more so than at half, where Kemp and Millard were exceptionally good. The latter playing in place of Bishop (who figured at centre) was one of the outstanding players—one of the best on either side. Douty showed what a potential scorer he always is, if properly served and supported. Two tries he scored, and two more were lost because, after he had run fifty yards and cleared the way, there was no one on his side to take the pass.

The ball came freely to the Blackheath three-quarters, and, generally speaking, they gave an excellent display, less productive than it would have been but for the wholehearted and speedy tackling of the Services. Sub-Lieut. Smith, right wing, and Pay-Lieut. Hinde, outside-half, were others who distinguished themselves on the Services side. The footwork of the visitors' forwards served them well on many occasions.

Blackheath were distinctly the better side in the first half. The forwards worked well and gave their outsides plenty of chances. Devonport rarely looked like scoring. Clever combined play eventually brought three tries to Blackheath, Giles, Douty, and Laing being the scorers. Kemp converted one of them.

Blackheath continued to show much speriority in the second half, their all-round play being excellent Douty showed fine speed and scored in the corner, as did Laing, both tries being unconverted. The visitors made a late rally, and after several scrums near the Blackheath line, both Bailey and Black scored unconverted tries.

GUY'S OUTPOINT RICHMOND.

Guy's Hospital 9 pts., Richmond 0.

Form was confirmed at Honor Oak Park when Guy's Hospital proved the conquerors of Richmond.

Guy's had the better of matters in the first half, but neither team was representative, Richmond being the greater sufferers in this respect. The only score was an unconverted try scored by Morgan for the Hospital.

A fine run by Thomas was the first incident of note in the second half. Richmond had much more of the game than hitherto, but they could not break through to score. Burrows, on the other hand, added two unconverted tries to the Hospital score, Hogbin hitting the far upright with both goal-kicks. Richmond thus suffered defeat by 3 tries to nil.

Had Guy's Hospital scored two or three more tries the result would just about have represented their superiority on the day's play. That they did not do so was partly due to the fine tackling by the Richmond fifteen, backs and forwards alike, and the excellent all-round defensive play by Mennin at full-back. The game lost a good deal of interest by reason of the fact that only two of Richmond's real first team were playing, and Guy's were without three of their usual backs.

When they were dressed ready for the fray Richmond found that they had nine backs and only six forwards; and eventually Walker was drafted into the threequarter line, where he gave a really good display. Wainwright, on the wing, was good individually, but he had few opportunities owing to the lack of combination between the Richmond halves and three-quarters This induced Maclean to break away on his own again and again, but he failed to get through. The Richmond forwards were unnumbered. One or two stood out prominently, but they played well as a whole, and, by breaking-up quickly, they sadly harassed the Hospital backs.

Guy's were the better side, fore and aft, but their unquestionable superiority was in the rear division, where I. K. Thomas, at stand-off half, gave a superb display. His brilliant runs were bright features in a somewhat dull game. Wailer, Atkins, Eustace, and Burrows were in good form, but Ashdown, on the right wing, nearly always found an opponent immediately in front of him when he got possession of the ball. Of the Hospital forwards, Morgan, Popplewell, Hogbin, and Lashmore were the pick.

WOODFORD RALLY TO WIN.

Woodford 11 pts., Middlesex Hospital 8.

In this game, at Woodford, Middlesex Hospital showed surprisingly good form in the first half, and led at the interval by one goal and one try to nil. Later, Kendrew opened the scoring for Woodford with a fine penalty goal. H. Walker-Arnott scored for Kendrew to convert, and Wickes put Woodford ahead with a fine try. The home fifteen lacked the services of R. R. Cripps and Seward.

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Probables 24 pts., Possibles 24.

SWANSEA, Saturday.

The Welsh Trial between the Probables and Possibles produced an excellent game, to the delight of 8,000 spectators.

Never has there been a more extraordinary trial match in Welsh Rugby football, and it is difficult to explain the fluctuations in the play after the change of ends. In the first half the Probables looked easy winners, but in the last twenty minutes of the second half they faded away completely, and the Possibles had it all their own way.

They dominated the play to such an extent during this period that they deserved to have won by a narrow margin. Their forwards especially were a much superior lot to the Probables, both in the scrum and in the loose.

The game was fast and exciting. The scoring was opened in startling fashion by Scourfield, the Probables full-back, who followed up a long kick from midfield and went on to score under the posts. Ivor Jones converted. Following good work by Guy Morgan, Morley scored the Probables' second try. Vaughan Jones, the Army forward, had to go off with an injury, and was replaced by Edgar Jones (Llanelly). Morley added a third try for the Probables, but towards the interval the Possibles had quite a big share in the game, and strong, straight running by their backs revealed weaknesses in the Probables' defence. D. Jones (Ebbw Vale) placed two penalty goals in quick succession for the Possibles, who continued to attack hotly.

Ralph and Frank Williams changed places after the interval. Ralph made a brilliant cut through for Ivor Jones to score and convert. R. W. Boon next went over for the Probables after a good run. Nevertheless, the Possibles were full of enterprise, and their centres showed their opponents how to tackle, Davey being especially prominent in breaking up the Probables' attacks.

Bayliss dropped a smart goal for the Possibles, and Pollard retaliated with a try, which Ivor Jones converted. Peacock was the next scorer for the Possibles, D. Jones converting, while Davey added another unconverted try for the Possibles, who dominated the game in the closing stages.

Finally, Davey added yet another try for the Possibles. Guy Morgan left the field owing to injury, Ivor Jones taking his place at centre. George Morgan scored for the Possibles to equalise in the last minute.

GLASGOW WIN SCOTTISH TRIAL.

DEFENCES IN EXCELLENT FORM

Glasgow 9 pts., Edinburgh 6.

Fifteens representing Glasgow and Edinburgh met in a Scottish international trial match at Glasgow. The sides turned out as selected.

In the opening stages the first dangerous raid came from Edinburgh. The movement was initiated by Macpherson, who, giving the "dummy," twice sent Dunn off. The danger, however, was cleared a few yards from the line. Glasgow made a good recovery, and at the Edinburgh end Scott missed two chances from free kicks. Similar opportunities came the way of Dunn, for Edinburgh, but he, too, failed.

In the first half, when neither side could cross the lines, Glasgow had easily the better of the play territorially. Both sets of forwards played soundly, but in the keenly contested exchanges the defences held the upper hand.

In the second half the game went very evenly and was keenly fought B. R. Tod kicked a penalty goal for Edinburgh, but Glasgow then became more prominent, thanks to the improved form of their pack.

Good work by Stuart, Stewart, and Dykes enabled Murdoch and Simmers to add two unconverted tries, and later on Dykes also crossed, the goal kick again failing. Tod reduced Glasgow's lead with a penalty goal, but the Glasgow backs proved much too superior.

Right from the start there was an indication of a fast game. Both sides naturally excelled in defence, and every attack launched by McPherson and company or Simmers and his men met with dour and sure tackling and marking.

OLD LEYSIANS' BRILLIANT BACKS.

Rosslyn Park 0 pts., Old Leysians 8.

In a hard forward game at Richmond Old Leysians beat Rosslyn Park by one placed goal and a try (8 points) to nil. The Rosslyn Park forwards were beaten for most of the game. The work of the Old Leysians forwards in the scrummage and in the loose determined the issue. The Old Leysians backs were wonderful in defence, and gradually took command of the play. The strategy and execution of the halves and three-quarters could not have been surpassed. The home forwards worked hard both in the tight and in the loose—some of their rushes were magnificent—but the third line was outplayed, this, too, in spite of the rare skill of the two half-backs.

Old Leysians scored their first try after twenty minutes' play—a fine forward rush and Philip got over. In the second half, with a lead of three points, Old Leysians fought hard, and it was after fifteen minutes' play that Lacey touched down, Kilner placing the goal.

WASPS STILL WINNING.

Wasps 6 pts., Clifton 0.

Clifton paid their first visit to Sudbury to meet the Wasps, who continued their run of successes by beating their visitors by 2 tries to nil. The game throughout was strongly contested, both sides mixing open play with strong forward work. During the first half keen following up enabled Hopkins to score wide out, the goal kick failing. After half-time some good passing amongst the Wasps' outsides gave Stevens an opportunity to put in a determined run to score, but the place kick again failed. Both sides put in plenty of dash to their efforts, but the defence was very sound, both full-backs being prominent. Clifton were unfortunate in losing their scrum-half during the latter half of the game

BANK OF ENGLAND'S SUCCESS.

Bank of England 13 pts., Westminster Bank 0.

Bank of England were too good for Westminster Bank at Roehampton, winning by two goals and a try (thirteen points) to nil. Bank of England attacked from the kick-off, and C. H. Adder went through for a fine try, which he converted. Perts next cut through, and Smith, backing up well, scored. Adder again converted. In the second half Westminster made several efforts, but did not look like scoring. The winners lasted better, and Taylor scored an unconverted try.

HARROW LOSE AT HOME.

Harrow 0 pts., Old Haberdashers 6.

In a fast and exhilarating game at Harrow the Old Haberdashers beat Harrow by two tries to nil. During the first half the Old Boys' pack established a definite superiority and gave their outsides a good share of the ball. Tries were scored by Appleton, the left-wing, after a scrummage on the goal line and Manton, the right-wing, following a quick bout of passing in the Harrow twenty-five. In the second half the Harrow pack succeeded in penning the Old Boys in their half for considerable periods. They were handicapped, however, by being unable to hook the ball in the scrummages. The tackling on both sides was whole-hearted. Although being at a disadvantage territorially the Old Boys' defence never looked like breaking down.

WESTCLIFFIANS LOSE AT HOME.

Old Westcliffians 0 pts., King's College 5.

At Belfairs yesterday the Old Westcliffians met with their third defeat of the season, King's College winning by 5 points to nil. It was a forward struggle, and each side lost many opportunities. King's College registered the only score of the game early in the second half. The Old Westcliffians would have done better if they had played as a team.

ANOTHER WIN FOR SCOTTISH.

DISAPPOINTING ARMY SIDE.

A RAGGED GAME.

London Scottish 12 pts., The Army 0.

Having tried out their resources in a series of trial games, the Army fielded a representative side against the London Scottish at Richmond yesterday, but they gave an indifferent display, and were beaten by a penalty goal and three tries (12 points) to nil. In a tear-about, ragged game that was never remarkable for much skill on either side, the Scottish forwards dominated the situation for a long while.

The Army had plenty of weight all round, but neither fore nor aft were they ever together. Their halves never found themselves, as the phrase is, and while A. L. Novis made two or three characteristic efforts to get away, and C. C. Beaty-Pownall also did fairly well in the centre, their three-quarter line rarely threatened any serious danger. E. W. F. de V. Hunt played very well, as usual, for them at full-back, and whatever the other and obvious blemishes of the side, little fault could be found with its defence.

The Scottish, thanks to the advantage they held forward, were always the attacking side during the first half, but for all that they were only able to cross their rivals' line twice. For twenty-five minutes they were held at bay, and then from a scrum close in Miers dodged over for a try, which D. H. Simson failed to improve. Then Ian Smith, coming across from his own wing with a fine burst of speed, sent Macintosh away to score a capital try, but again the place-kick failed.

Early after the change of ends a well-judged kick from a penalty, by R. W. Langrish, put the Scottish further ahead, but from that point to the close the play went heavily against them. Lasting better than their rivals, the soldier forwards gained the upper hand for the first time, and for a long while the Scottish were sorely harassed. Time after time the Army got down to their goal line and stayed there, but nowhere was there any finish or skill to enable them to cross it. For all their advantages the Army failed to score, while just before the end the Scottish broke away, and Smith, following up a long kick, touched down for another try for them.

QUINS BEAT LEICESTER.

A THRILLING GAME.

Harlequins 13 pts., Leicester 11.

The Harlequins received Leicester and just beat them after a lively game. Fog and cold were the cause of the poor attendance.

Play was very even from the start, Leicester having a little the better of matters. When Hutton brought off a superb tackle, Gibbs ran in for Laird to convert. Carryer scored for Leicester, but Prentis could not add the points.

The game developed in the second half into a terrific battle forward, with Leicester having more of the play. At last their efforts were rewarded, Buckingham going over wide out, Prentice, however, missing the kick. Gibbs retaliated with a spectacular try which Laird converted. Saunders went over for Leicester, and Prentice added the points. Laird kicked a penalty for Harlequins, but Prentice missed one for Leicester.

Thus excitement was acute almost throughout this splendid game, fought with scrupulous fairness, but without a quarter. In the second half there was hardly a dull moment, and play ran from one end of the field to the other. The pace was terrific, and it spoke volumes for the condition of both teams that they were playing, if anything, harder at the end than in the first twenty minutes

The Leicester forwards almost deserved to lose the game, because of the manner in which they constantly got off-side. They were penalised nine times, and were lucky not to have more given against them. G. R. Beamish was the chief culprit, and it was perhaps due to the fact that he could not overtake the diminutive G. J. Dean behind the Harlequin scrum. The latter played a grand game, although he must get his passes away at greater speed.

The Harlequin backs, with perhaps the exception of Waring, who did not have a happy afternoon, were individually superior to their opposite numbers. If they could have had the ball more frequently a different tale might have had to be told. H. C. C. Laird was in international form, his defence superb and his bursts through the centre being admirably timed. His kicking was good and bad in patches.

Of the threes J. E. Hutton was outstanding. He was a constant source of danger, for, in addition to splendid defensive work, he mixed up quick passes to his wing with clever dashes on his own. The Leicester defence was often caught napping, not knowing what he was going to do. G. C. Adams did not impress, but P. E. Hodge proved once again that he is a splendid defensive player, and faster than he appears.

J. C. Gibbs gave the Harlequins the victory, and errors in his defence must be overlooked on account of his two brilliant spectacular tries. Of the home forwards, C. R. Hinds-Howell and D. H. Duder were a tower of strength. Leicester were perhaps a little unfortunate to lose this match.

TAYLORS TAKE THEIR CHANCES.

Northampton 11 pts., Old Merchant Taylors 20.

The Old Merchant Taylors gave a lively display at Northampton. In a fast first half full of open football the Taylors scored tries through Heck, Turnbull, and Arnold. Tebbutt converted one. Millward and Treen obtained tries for Northampton, Treen kicking a goal.

All through the second half Northampton were two men short, Harris, a forward, and Holmes, a centre three-quarter, having been injured. Yet they fought well, but could not hold the Taylors. Devonshire, Turnbull, and Heck scored unconverted tries for the visitors, while Bailey scored one for Northampton.

POOR DISPLAY BY STREATHAM.

Streatham 3 pts., Lensbury 16.

Streatham lost to Lensbury at Thornton Heath by 16 points to 3. The two sides shared the game pretty evenly, but the Lensbury backs were more dangerous. Half-hearted tackling by some of the home side did not mend matters. The scoring opened by a remarkable run and try by Youbert, the Streatham full-back, who played an excellent game, as did Walker, the Lensbury full-back. Too much touch-kicking was indulged in by both sides. Brain intercepted, and scored for Lensbury, getting over again later Palmer and Welsh also scored, Cornelius converting two.

RUGBY CLUB RECORDS.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.
Aberavon	14	7	3	4	91	67
Abertillery	14	8	3	3	91	57
Bank of England	12	8	0	4	138	88
Bath	14	7	2	5	147	99
Bedford	12	9	0	3	132	64
Barnet	9	5	1	3	103	59
Blackheath	15	5	1	9	142	188
Bristol	13	11	0	2	187	53
Barclays Bank	11	5	0	6	84	89
Cambridge University	14	11	0	3	361	110
Cardiff	27	12	5	10	226	204
Catford Bridge	16	9	0	7	128	147
Centymca	9	4	0	5	63	67
Civil Service	12	4	2	6	66	173
Coventry	15	11	1	3	229	118
Cross Keys	16	8	3	5	99	50
Devonport Services	15	5	1	9	121	162
Exiles	13	11	0	2	254	72
Gloucester	16	7	3	6	175	116
Guy's Hospital	14	7	1	6	182	148
Harlequins	11	8	0	3	189	94
Harrow	12	7	0	5	107	62
Headingley	13	7	1	5	246	124
H.A.C.	12	5	0	7	103	153
Ilford Wanderers	11	5	0	6	62	90
K. Col. Hospital	13	5	0	8	127	183
K.C.S. Old Boys	11	8	0	3	175	95
Leicester	15	8	2	5	154	118
Leytonstone	13	7	1	5	148	120
Llanelly	14	8	4	2	132	48
Lloyds Bank	11	5	2	4	84	77
L.C.C.	8	5	2	1	85	31
London Irish	11	9	0	2	117	37
London Scottish	11	4	1	6	113	185
London Welsh	12	9	1	2	146	44
Metro. Police	10	8	1	1	136	47
Midland Bank	12	6	1	5	160	64
Moseley	13	3	1	9	78	140
Neath	14	9	0	5	167	180
Newport	18	10	3	5	184	109
Northampton	14	7	0	7	152	138
O Dunstonians	10	1	1	8	20	132
O Haberdashers	11	7	0	4	108	107
O Leysians	11	2	0	9	86	177
O.M. Taylors	11	5	1	5	105	113
O. Millhillians	11	6	0	5	123	89
Old Paulines	13	7	0	6	122	172
Old Westcliffians	10	6	1	3	131	51
Old Whitgiftians	10	7	0	3	129	78
Oxford Univ.	13	7	2	4	164	139
Osterley	10	2	0	8	59	134
Plymouth Albion	13	10	0	3	150	83
Pontypool	17	12	2	3	179	72
Richmond	12	4	1	7	133	159
Rosslyn Park	13	8	1	4	134	61
St. Bart's Hosp.	12	2	0	10	11	180
St. Thomas's Hosp.	12	2	1	9	77	154
Saracens	10	6	0	4	141	67
Southend	11	8	1	2	163	68
Staines	9	8	0	1	242	31
Swansea	15	7	1	7	154	118
Toc H.	12	12	0	0	216	33
U.S. Portsmouth	13	2	3	8	96	179
Upper Clapton	12	3	1	8	148	127
Wasps	13	13	0	0	231	34
Westminster Bk.	12	3	2	7	75	111
Wimbledon	10	8	1	1	105	28
Woodford	13	8	0	5	144	69

VARSITY MATCH POSSIBILITIES.

CAN OXFORD'S FORWARDS RISE TO THE OCCASION?

HOW THE FAVOURITES MAY BE FOILED.

By D. R. GENT.

The enforced withdrawal of the Scottish international, T. M. Hart, from the Oxford three-quarter line is, I think, going to have a peculiar effect on Tuesday's game. Hart was easily the most dangerous outside on the Oxford side, and well though his substitute, G. V. Jenkins, should play, I eally cannot imagine his being anything like Hart at his best.

But the whole side is more than likely to play above itself *because* of its misfortunes. There is no such "temperamental" match as that between Oxford and Cambridge, and the side that feels luck has been against it is likely to make a supreme effort to show what it can do in spite of bad luck. Moreover, even the most ardent supporters of the Light Blues will feel more than a little sympathy with "the other people," and this, together with the redoubled encouragement of the Oxford supporters, will, I fancy, more than supply an atmosphere that will help Oxford considerably.

DARK BLUES' SCORING POWER.

On form, Cambridge must be strong favourites, even though they did put up a poor show a week ago against the O.M.T.s. Their play is not completely orthodox, but at times the whole side combines in a most effective manner, with P. W. P. Brook and J. M. Greenwood always handy to finish off a movement with the maximum effect. The back division is a sound one, and there is much scoring power in it if it can get going smoothly, though, to be quite frank, I haven't seen it work at all smoothly since L. H. Collison went from outside half to centre (in fairness to J. L. Phillips, perhaps, I ought to say that I have only seen him play once).

But these Cambridge fellows have developed a game of their own in recent years, with forwards acting as extra backs, and this gets them many tries, while more unlikely things have happened than that J. G. Askew, the full back, will get one himself as well.

OXFORD'S STRONG PACK.

I must say I liked the Oxford forwards very much on the two occasions I saw them. They are big, they can dribble, and they do, as a pack, know something about forward tactics, while they have an extremely dashing leader in S. J. Hofmeyr. Their job will be to get the ball and keep it! It will be much to their advantage if the ground is heavy, for then such splendid dribblers as P. D. Howard and W. A. Druitt should show how near they are to being the best forwards in the country.

Behind the scrum much will depend on W. Roberts, who, we all know, can be very good.

Both P. C. Alexander and C. F. Cardale, for example, will get tries with half a chance. Plucky though H. Rees is, J. A. Adamson will be missed at full back, for the South African is the good all-rounder, rather than the exceptionally sound full-back.

It should be a capital game, and I shall be surprised if the Oxford men do not show a splendid "do-or-die" spirit that will carry them far. But, to be candid, I shall be equally surprised if it enables them to win.

Teams:—

OXFORD.—H. Rees (St. Andrew's, South Africa, and University College); P. C. Minns (New Zealand and Balliol), P. C. Alexander (Grahamstown and Trinity), G. V. Jenkins (Llandovery and Jesus), *C. F. Cardale (Durham and St. Edmund Hall), †*W. Roberts (Cardiff H.S. and Brasenose), K. N. Lamport (Sydney University and Balliol); *S. J. Hofmeyr (Cape Town and University College) (captain), *W. A. H. Druitt (Edinburgh Academy and Oriel), G. V. Shillito (Taunton and Wadham), E. R. MacGibbon (Fettes and Corpus), *W. E. Henley (Otago, New Zealand, and New College), D. H. Swayne (Bromsgrove and Worcester), *P. D. Howard (Mill Hill and Wadham), *A. G. Cridlan (Uuuingham and Worcester).

CAMBRIDGE.—†*J. G. Askew (Durham and Emmanuel); †*R. M. Smeddle (Durham and St. Catharine's), L. H. Collison (Mill Hill and St. John's), *J. A. Tallent (Sherborne and Clare) †C. C. Tanner (Cheltenham and Pembroke); J. H. L. Phillips (Weymouth and Trinity), F. W. Simpson (Merchant Taylors, Crosby, and Trinity); *J. J. A. Embleton (St Paul's and Caius) (captain), †*P. W. P. Brook (Whitgift and Emmanuel), *D. M. Marr (Fettes and Caius), *A. W. Walker (Oundle and Clare), *J. M. Greenwood (Rugby and Christ's), J. E. Valentine (Bishop's Stortford and St. Catharine's), C. H. Williams (Bedford Modern and Jesus), and H. R. Ramsay (Harrow and Trinity Hall).

† Internationals. * Old Blues.

THE VALUE OF PLACE-KICKING.

Old Cranleighans 6 pts., Rugby 10.

Old Cranleighans met Rugby at Thames Ditton, and the Old Boys may consider themselves somewhat unlucky to have been beaten after a strenuous game with Rugby by 2 goals to 2 tries. The first half was very evenly contested, and perhaps Rugby ought to have been a few points to the good instead of there being no score. The play was mostly in the O. C.'s area, and only the plucky defence of H. A. Richardson saved more than one certain try. Soon after the interval the O. C.'s opened the scoring, G. R. K. Lee enabling H. P. Jacob to gather well and run in under the posts. Rugby soon replied with an excellent try by Entwistle, their left-wing, which Marr converted. The O. C.'s then attacked vigorously, and after several failures to get through the ball went out to Collingwood on the right-wing, who dived successfully for the line. A great battle ensued for the remainder of the game, and in the last minute Smith raced in for a try for Rugby which Marr again converted. The game was very open throughout and admirably controlled.

OLD PAULINES FAIL AT PLYMOUTH.

Plymouth Albion 13 pts., Old Paulines 0.

Plymouth Albion at home beat the Old Paulines in a game in which both teams played open and effective football. The Albion, however, were the more convincing outside the scrums. Richards, making a first appearance this season, played enterprising Rugby. Low had a good opening for Paulines, but Monson saved well. The Albion pressed strongly, but were unable to drive home their advantage. Monson scored a try for the Albion, which was unconverted.

Within a minute of restarting, the Albion went further ahead, Monson scoring a try which Stanbury converted. The Albion's play was rather patchy, and they should have made better use of their chances. The Old Paulines defended keenly, Luxemberg stopping many dangerous movements. Monson scored the Albion's last try, Stanbury converting.

BART'S FALL TO WELSH.

London Welsh 11 pts., St. Bart's Hosp. 5

With fog in evidence at Herne Hill there was only a small attendance to witness the game between London Welsh and St. Bart's Hospital. Visibility was poor, and the ground in a heavy condition. Still, a well-fought-out game ensued, victory resting with the home club by 1 goal and 2 tries to 1 goal.

The Welsh scored after five minutes, Idris Davies crossing. W. T. Lewis followed ten minutes later, both tries being unconverted. Just before the interval J. D. Powell made a fine run through and scored for Bart's, Kirkwood converting.

Bart's had an equal share of the game after the interval, but their three's made little headway. The Welsh went further ahead, A. H. James scoring a try, and Howell converting. The closing stages were full of interest, but neither side could score again.

DEFENCE STRONGER THAN ATTACK.

Old Brightonians 0 pts., Chartered Banks 0.

The Old Brightonians and the Chartered Banks played a drawn game at Northfields, neither side scoring. The Brightonians started well, giving their backs plenty of chances. Eventually a good kick by Dickson relieved, and the game settled in the Old Boys' twenty-five. Even play ensued to half-time, the defence being better than the attack. Chartered restarted with a good forward rush, Etherington being conspicuous. A drop at goal by Macleod hit the cross-bar, and Ronald relieved well. The O.B.s rushed the ball to the Chartered twenty-five, and from a quick heel Shankey threw out a good pass, and six Brightonians handled before Baker was pushed into touch. By this time the ball was so slippery that forward rushes were the order. A draw was a fitting conclusion to a hard game.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RUGBY.

Cheltenham Coll. 10 pts., Downside 5.

Both Cheltenham College and Downside, who met on the former's ground, fielded strong sides, but E. D. O'Connor, Downside's last year's captain, and J. K. Windeatt, Cheltenham's full-back, were absent. As Downside had only been beaten once this season, Cheltenham went all out to win. In a game that was keenly contested throughout, tries were scored for Cheltenham College by McHarg and Cook, Sedgwick dropping a goal. P. H. Beigell scored a try for Downside, Arnold converting.

The Cheltenham forwards, although outweighted, were far superior to the Downside lot, and they obtained possession of the ball from the scrums much oftener than their opponents.

In the closing stages Downside looked like equalising, but Cheltenham's marking was sound, and the visitors failed to break through. On the day's play Cheltenham deserved to win by a much larger margin.

Rugby School 13 pts., Richmond A 9.

Rugby School entertained Richmond A and won by 2 placed goals and a try to 3 tries. Play throughout was fast and open. Rugby's backs gave the best display of passing seen on the Close this season, and the forwards were magnificent. Early in the game Pridmore, for Rugby, cut through and scored, and soon afterwards Bowring crossed for Thomas to convert.

Rugby's half-time lead of 8 points was wiped out by the amazing first ten minutes of the second half. Richmond went off with a dash, and, after a splendid cut through by Coldstream, Sale and Smart went over in quick succession. Rugby pulled themselves together and regained the lead by Thomas converting a fine try by Pridmore.

As with all Rugby's matches this season, the result was in doubt up to the very last moment. Rugby School have this season beaten Cheltenham, Uppingham, Wellington, and Harrow.

Marlborough 3 pts., Old Marlburians 17.

A large number of Old Boys attended the annual match between Marlborough College and the Old Marlburians. The College fifteen was weakened by the absence of four Colours. The Old Marlburians were obviously the stronger side, with an advantage so far as weight and experience were concerned. At half-time the Old Marlburians had gained a lead of 11 points to 3. Tries were obtained by Warlow, Harry, and Sears, Page converting one. For the College Walker obtained a try, In the second half the Old Boys handled and passed well. Further tries for the visitors came from Duxbury and Dunman, both kicks failing.

Ellesmere College 31 pts., Old Ellesmerians 3.

By scoring 31 points against Old Ellesmerians, Ellesmere College made their total score 406 points for term. Despite the obvious fact that they were chiefly out of training, the Old Ellesmerians never gave up trying, and showed plenty of fight. Bleasdale (2), Rostron, Taylor, Brockwell, Lewis, and Lidgate scored tries for the College, while Duncan replied from a runaway for the Old Boys.

K.C.S. (Wimbledon) 8 pts., King's (Canterbury) 16.

A keen game at Wimbledon between K.C.S. and King's (Canterbury) resulted in a win for the visitors by 2 goals 2 tries to 1 goal 1 try. Canterbury were better at half-back than the home side, H. A. S. Johnston, their fly-half, being outstanding. Canterbury led by 11 points to 5 at half-time and had the better of the second half. B. H. Thomas, T. S. Tinner, H. A. S. Johnston, and P. H. G. Scott scored tries for the winners, P. C. Williams converting two. A. J. Burford and G. S. Toller ran in for K.C.S., E. H. Taylor converting one of the tries.

Epsom College 13 pts., Old Epsomians 11.

Epsom College beat the Old Epsomians by 13 points to 11. In a fast, open game the Old Boys scored all their points in the first half, chiefly through good work by Reid. In the second half the College played up and scored three times through Wall and Hunton (2). Hunton converted two. In the last few minutes play was very exciting. The Old Boys' scorers were Hanbury, Reid, and W. J. Taylor. Kee converted one.

Brighton College 3 pts., Mill Hill 0.

Brighton College beat Mill Hill in the last five minutes by a try to nil. Brighton secured from almost every scrum, but continual attacks were held by the good defence of five Mill Hill three-quarters. Finally, Bartlett broke through well and scored. Brighton owed most to Wilkins, Hooker, and Walker. The forwards were well matched in the loose, but Mill Hill gave their backs few chances.

Bedford School 16 pts., Rosslyn Park A 4.

At Bedford the School beat Rosslyn Park A by 2 goals and 2 tries to a dropped goal kicked by Russell. Neville (3) and Thevenard scored tries for the School. A feature of the game was the sound tackling and determined running of Bedford's outsides. In attack they were thrustful, Pearson making several openings, while Neville ran hard. Fowler tackled well at full-back for Bedford, and his long kicks usually found touch. The Park forwards got the better of the scrummages.

St. Edward's 36 pts., Worksop College 0.

St. Edward's continued their recent run of success by beating Worksop College by 3 goals and 7 tries to 0 at Oxford. After an uncertain start, Butterworth, Porritt, and Beale scored tries for St. Edward's in the first half, Hudson converting 2. Morgan, Woodroffe, Icely, Butterworth (2), Beale, and Monahan scored after the interval, Porritt converting one.

Taunton School 8 pts., Taunton 36.

In the game in which Taunton beat Taunton School by 36 points to 8, the School forwards played very well against a heavier pack, but the speed of the visiting "threes" decided the issue. The School's tackling in the first half was good, but weak in the second. Bowen, the School back, kicked excellently. The scorers for the School were Georgiardi and Riley, Hodge converting one. Daniells (3), Illingworth (2) Hobbs, Besley, and Edwards crossed for Taunton. Goddard converted six.

King's William's of M. 53 pts., Island XV. 6.

Playing on the College ground, the Island XV. suffered a severe defeat from the College by ten goals and one try to two penalty goals. The rearranged College side displayed fine form, showing determined tackling and some really fast straight running. Begg, the College left-wing three-quarter, scored three tries, as did Hyde on the right-wing, the other try-getters being Allen, Cookson, Kitchen, Cowley, and Sparkes. The forwards on the winning side were well together and quicker than recently.

ILFORD WANDERERS OUTPOINTED.

Upper Clapton 12 pts., Ilford Wand. 0.

A very scrappy game resulted in a win for Upper Clapton over Ilford Wanderers at Bush-hill Park by 1 placed goal, 1 dropped goal, and 1 try to nil. Upper Clapton were definitely superior, and had their centres handled better the score in favour of the home side would have been much larger. The Clapton pack was very good in the tight, but their efforts were nullified by the nippiness of the Ilford forwards, who were excellent in loose rushes. Their sole function, however, seemed to be spoiling tactics. Upper Clapton soon scored through Farnes, after a magnificent tackle of the full-back by Wells. The goal kick failed. Ilford attacked by fast forward rushes, the home side having to touch down three times, but half-time came without further score. In the second half Clapton continually attacked, but the visitors' tackling was excellent. At last Roberts dropped a pretty goal, and just towards the end Cullen scored from a loose rush, Roberts landing a magnificent goal.

LLOYDS' SAFE DEFENCE.

Lloyds Bank 6 pts., Old Rutlishians 3.

Lloyds Bank beat Old Rutlishians at New Beckenham by a penalty goal and a try to a try. Lloyds Bank pressed most of the first half. King kicked an excellent penalty from far out, while Lindsay scored a good try for the Old Rutlishians. Lloyds obtained most of the ball from the set scrums, but were beaten in the loose. In the second half, which was evenly contested, Keyworth made several clever breakaways, from one of which Elvis scored. Near the end the Old Rutlishians made several raids, but the Lloyds' defence was safe. Niblett kicked confidently, and Keyworth was sound at inside-half. Elvis also played well. White and Monkhouse were excellent forwards. The Old Rutlishians' bustling game lacked finish, but they were outstanding in loose rushes.

OLD DUNSTONIANS' NARROW WIN.

Old Dunstonians 3 pts., United Services (Portsmouth) 0.

The Old Dunstonians beat United Services (Portsmouth) on the latter's ground by a try to nil First half play was even, but after fifteen minutes Morris obtained a try for the Old Dunstonians after following up a kick. The place-kick went wide. In the second half the Old Boys pressed most of the time, but failed to score. The tackling on both sides was very keen, but the three-quarters did not combine well. For the Old Boys Walker, Morris, Richards, and Smith were good, and Partridge played well on his first appearance.

RUGBY RESULTS.

INTERNATIONAL TRIALS.

Whites	45	Colours	9
Probables	24	Possibles	24
Munster	19	Leinster	6
Glasgow	9	Edinburgh	6

CLUB MATCHES.

Blackheath	17	Devonport Services	6
Guy's Hospital	9	Richmond	0
Harlequins	13	Leicester	11
London Welsh	11	St. Bart's Hospital	5
London Scottish	12	Army	0
Aberavon	9	Pontypool	0
Bath	9	Weston-super-Mare	3
Bristol	6	Newport	7
Bridgend	3	Swansea	6
Coventry	0	Cardiff	0
Gloucester	9	United Ser. (Ports)	3
North of Ireland	0	Richmond	6
T. Cook and Son	8	Standard Tele.	0
Penarth	3	Llanelly	3
Mountain Ash	3	Cross Keys	0
R. High Sch.	8	Edin. Acads.	6
Heriotonians	10	Instonians	3
Upper Clapton	12	Ilford Wandrs.	0
Wasps	6	Clifton	0
London Irish	21	St. Thomas's Hosp.	3
O.U. Greyhounds	22	Frankfurt	9
Cavendish	0	Rosslyn Park B	17
Woodford	11	Middlesex Hosp.	8
Woodford A	3	Sutton A	5
Woodford Ex A	8	Wasps Ex A	11
Woodford B	0	Wasps B	19
Woodford C	3	Charlton Park B	13
Woodford Ex C	3	Lloyds Bank Ex C	26
Wasps C	3	Lensbury Ex C	3
Wasps Ex C	8	Lensbury D	8
Thanet Wandrs.	3	R.A.F. (Manston)	0
Oxo	0	L.C.C. A	6
Bridgwater	3	Torquay Ath.	3
L.R.B. A	5	West. Bank Extra A	14
Wasps Ex B	8	Lensbury B	3
Lensbury A	19	Met. Police A	3
Bedford	11	King's Col. Hospital	5
Barnet	0	Southend	0
Saracen	10	Ealing	5
Kingston	30	B.B.C.	0
R.N.C. (Greenwich)	29	Civil Service	6
Orpington	6	Sevenoaks	3
Esher A	0	Staines	17
Esher Extra A	22	Dorking A	3
Esher B	9	Guildford A	16
Esher Extra C	3	Warlingham A	22
H.A.C.	5	U.S. (Portsmouth)	12
H.A.C. Ex C	5	Bramtoco A	3
Bournemouth	9	Wasps A	4
Harrow A	3	Chelmsford	3
Harrow Ex A	6	Westcombe Park B	0
Harrow Ex. B	30	Westcombe Pk. Ex B	0
Q.W.C.S. Rifles	11	Artists' Rifles A	6
St. Thomas's Hos.	3	London Irish	20
Barnet	0	Southend	0
Sidcup	13	Lond. Scot. Ex. 1st	5
Toc H.	16	H.-K. and Shang. Bk	0
Bank of England	13	Westminster Bank	0
Bank of England C	32	West Herts C	14
Saracens	10	Ealing	5
Saracens A	16	Streatham A	4
Sharpshooters	7	Surrey Yeomanry	19
Surrey Yeomanry A	0	Univ. Col. (Lond.) B	0
Ealing A	3	Saracens Ex. A	5
London Irish A	15	St. Thomas's Hos. A	0
Thames Valley	8	Leytonstone	3
Metropolitan Police	3	Brighton	3
Westminster Bk. A	11	L.R.B.	3
Midland Bank	5	West Herts	6
Midland Bank B	3	Sidcup B	6
Siemens	8	Central Y.M.C.A.	5
Siemens A	0	Motor Union A	0
Berkshire Wands.	22	Radley Swallows	0
Selfridges	29	Crown and Anchor (Cambridge)	3
Warlingham	3	Blackheath Ex. A	0
Warlingham A	6	Guy's Hospital B	4
Wembley	19	Osterley	0
Kildare	0	Osterley A	0
Cuaco	5	London Irish Ex. A	11
Lond. and Lanc. Ins.	11	Cuaco A	3
Ilford Wanderers A	6	Upper Clapton A	19
West Herts A	11	Midland Bank A	3
R.A.F. (Uxbridge)	0	B.T.H. (London)	7
St. George's Hos.	0	Beckenham	30
L.C.C. C	0	Finchley Ex. B	9
Maidstone	18	Sidcup A	3
R.N. Depot (Chat.) A	9	Maidstone A	3
Park House A	14	Westcombe Park A	8
Britannic House	9	Stones Ath.	3
Stones Ath. A	14	Britannic House A	8
Harlequins A	13	Sutton	6
Canterbury	5	Royal Engineers	5
Exiles	17	Standard Bk. of S.A.	5
Chiltern A	0	R.A.F. (Halton)	18
Chiltern B	0	Blackheath Extra B	18
Artists Rifles	16	1st Coldstream Gds.	4
Q.W. and C.S. Rifles	11	Artists Rifles A	6
Malden	3	Wimbledon	0
Dover	3	Tonbridge	0
Tonbridge Extra B	6	Law Society	15
Tunbridge Wells	3	Southern Railway	3
Skinner's School	3	Tunbridge Wells A	5

Abertillery v. Neath abandoned.

OLD BOYS' MATCHES.

Northampton	11	O.M. Taylors	20
Plymouth Albion	13	Old Paulines	0
Rosslyn Park	0	Old Leysians	8
O. Paulines A	3	O.M.T.'s A	10
O. Paulines B	6	Rosslyn Park B	3
O. Paulines C	22	Bart's B	5
O. Paulines ex C	11	O. Cranleighans C	24
Old Whitgiftians	6	R. School of Mines	19
Catford Bridge	6	K.C.S. Old Boys	3
Old Leysians A	11	Beckenham A	5
Old Berkhamstedians	11	Chiltern	3
Old Millhillians	24	R.M.A. (Woolwich)	0
Toc H A	8	Old Caterhamians	0
Christ's Coll. O.B.	21	Rosslyn Pk. Ex. A	0
Catford Bridge A	5	K.C.S. Old Boys A	13
Catford Bridge B	0	K.C.S. Old Boys B	6
K.C.S. O.B. Ex B	9	Catford B. Ex. B	24
Old Elthamians	0	Barclays Bank	11
O. Dunstonians Ex. A	3	Guys Hosp. Ex. A	0
St. Dunstan's Coll. II	0	Old Dunstonians B	11
O. Dunstonians Ex. B	6	N.P. Bank Ex. B	0
Midland Bank C	6	Old Askeans A	0
Old Tiffinians	14	Old Blues Nomads	3
Old Tiffinians B	0	St. Mary's Coll. A	17
Old Blues Ex. B.	3	Old Stortfordians A	12
L.C.C. D	0	Bec. Old Boys	3
H.A.C. A	0	Old Millhillians A	3
H.A.C. B.	5	Old Millhillians B	3
H.A.C. C	0	Old Millhillians C	12
Harrow	0	Old Haberdashers	6
Harrow Ex. B	3	Old Grammarians A	0
Harpenden A	8	Old Fullerians A	3
Old Birkonians	25	Southport	0
Lloyds Bank	6	Old Rutlishians	3
Old Dartfordians	6	Guy's Hosp. A	6
Old Westcliffians	0	King's Coll.	5
R. Horse Guards	13	Old Queenians	0
Old Queenians A	6	St. Mary's Hosp. A	30
Old Whitgiftians II	10	Old Cranleighans A	3
Old Caterhamians A	16	Old Elthamians B	3
Lazard	18	Old Albanians A	3
Old Stortfordians	6	Old Blues A	8
H.A.C. B	5	Old Millhillians B	3
Lloyds Bank B	17	Old Rutlishians B	5
Old Reigatians	0	Sutton B	47
Guildford A	9	O. Berkhamstedians A	3
Old Askeans	3	Goldsmith's Coll.	13
Old Colfeians	6	Old Maidstonians	0
Old Albanians	5	R.A.F. (Henlow)	25
Old Mid-Whitgiftians	23	Old Whitgiftians III	0
Tonbridge B	11	Old Juddians A	0
Old Johnians	16	R. Corps of Signals	11
Darenth	6	Old Croydonians	0
Harpenden	19	Old Fullerians	4

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MATCHES.

Sherborne School	27	Bournemouth	0
Cheltenham	10	Downside	5
Cranleigh	12	Worthing	5
Dulwich	21	Old Alleynians A	9
Tonbridge	10	Harlequins A	17
K.C.S. (Wimbledon)	8	King's (Canterbury)	16
Bishop's Stortford	21	Edmundian W.	3
Christ Coll. (Brecon)	16	Cardiff Supporters	3
Leeds G.S.	31	Bradford G.S.	0
Bedford	16	Rosslyn Park A	4
Bedford Modern	24	Bedford Ath.	8
Trent	0	K.E.S. (Birmingham)	8
Ellesmere	31	Old Ellesmerians	3
Wrekin	11	Old Wrekinians	0
Framlingham	29	Old Frams.	14
Monkton Combe	42	King's, Bruton	0
Newton	14	Mr. Shapley's XV	6
Oratory (Reading)	6	Richmond A	19
Haileybury	6	Old Haileyburians	21
Rugby	13	Richmond A	9
Egremont	3	St. Bees	12
Wellington Coll.	4	Clifton Coll.	12
Brighton Coll.	3	Mill Hill Sch.	0
Epsom Coll.	13	Old Epsomians	11
Felsted Sch.	5	Harlequins A	29
Beaumont Coll.	20	Richmond Ex. A	5
Reading School	8	Old Redingensians	47
Hereford Cath. Sch.	27	Crypt Sch.	0
Liverpool Coll.	23	Giggleswick Sch.	19
Ampleforth Coll.	20	Birkenhead Park A	8
Tiverton	19	Blundell's Sch.	14
Emanuel Sch.	8	Old Emanuel	14
St. John's School, Leatherhead	6	Old Johnians	20
St. Edward's School, Oxford	36	Worksop College	0
Taunton R.F.C.	36	Taunton School	8
Abingdon School	19	Old Abingdonians	9
Churcher's College	11	Old Churcherians	8
Cranbrook School	3	Old Cranbrookians	6
Newbury Gram. Sch.	14	Reading Univ. A	9
Herne Bay College	3	Old Heronians	14
Magdalen Col. Sch.	8	Bk. of England A	15
Rossall School	11	Sale A	5
St. Dunstan's College	0	Old Dunstonians A	17
Aske's School	21	Wimbledon College	3
King William's Col., I.O.M.	53	An Island XV	6
Qn. Elizabeth's G.S.	0	Old Elizabethians	14
St. George's College, Weybridge	6	Bk. of England Ex. A	31

RUGBY LEAGUE MATCHES.

Barrow	17	Castleford	5
Batley	11	Hunslet	23
Featherstone R.	4	Broughton Rgs.	7
Huddersfield	13	Bramley	3
Hull	25	Keighley	10
*Leeds	42	Bradford Northern	10
Rochdale Hornets	8	Halifax	13
Salford	5	Dewsbury	0
St. Helens Rec.	7	Swinton	12
Wakefield T.	10	Warrington	16
Widnes	26	Leigh	0
Wigan Highfield	7	St. Helens	10
York	2	Hull K. Rovers	5

* Abandoned in second half.

Oldham v. Wigan postponed owing to fog.

SOUTHEND'S SOUND TACKLING.

Barnet 0, Southend 0.

An evenly contested game at Barnet between Barnet and Southend resulted in a draw, neither side scoring. The ground was in a very treacherous state, and the game was mostly fought out among the forwards.

For the most part the Southend pack were the better lot, but it was outside the scrum that Barnet had the pull. Only by hard resolute tackling did Southend keep their line intact. For Barnet Fraser and Kennett were the best outside, and Hayward and MacMillan forward, while Southend were well served by Potter at full-back. The Southend forwards, particularly Thomson, were also good.

Association Football.

CHAMPION'S MASTERLY WIN AT PORTSMOUTH.

CHELSEA'S SHUFFLE FAILS — ELEVEN GOALS AT SUNDERLAND.

NOTTS COUNTY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

With the Arsenal lost in the fog Sheffield Wednesday took advantage of the chance to show their rare ability. And at Portsmouth, where the most improved team of the season had hitherto refused to yield full points to any previous visitor, the League champions won a great 4—2 victory.

This was the big feat of the day, although Middlesbrough, Aston Villa, and West Ham each returned home the victors of hard-fought matches.

West Ham's consistency is gradually establishing them in the "solid" part of the League table.

In an eleven-goal game at Sunderland, Liverpool lost by the odd goal. The victory removes Sunderland from the immediate danger zone.

At long last Leeds won another game. Bolton were the victims. Nothing goes the way of Manchester United—except shots past their goalkeeper—and Newcastle are also in the toils.

It was always a doubtful proposition at Highbury, where fog, if there ever is any in London, invariably takes a hand. The match with Grimsby was started and the Arsenal got a goal before the referee stopped the proceedings.

Swansea served Everton and West Bromwich well. They beat Preston, and, as Everton's forwards managed to get six goals while their own defenders were sacrificing four, and West Bromwich disposed of Burnley, the two leading clubs consolidated their position.

Wolverhampton moved towards the top by defeating Charlton in London. This, incidentally, was the fourth occasion that Charlton have lost on their own ground.

A crumb of comfort for football in South-east London was Millwall's feat in sharing eight goals at Cardiff, but Tottenham Hotspur again showed their inability to produce their home form when away from the Metropolis. They lost 2—0 at Plymouth—a result which may go a long way towards re-establishing confidence in the newly promoted team.

Third Division football was productive of a veritable avalanche of goals. Queen's Park Rangers scored seven against Newport, and Doncaster six against Tranmere, who are strong challengers for promotion.

Crystal Palace obtained an honourable point at Nottingham—much to the satisfaction of Northampton, who won at Bournemouth.

FIRST DIVISION.

When fog prevented any further progress eighteen minutes after the interval at Highbury, the Arsenal had had slightly the better of their argument with Grimsby Town. The goal James scored after twenty-two minutes registered the just amount of their superiority, for Grimsby had done some smart things.

Sunderland deserved to win, but fate gave them a helping hand. Lucas put through his own goal, and Hopkin, the Liverpool outside-left, was carried off with a broken collar-bone immediately after equalising the goal Leonard scored in the first two minutes. He remained in the dressing-room for the rest of the first half, but pluckily resumed, with his arm strapped to his side, after the interval. Gurney scored three of Sunderland's six goals.

Many have been pointing to Portsmouth as possible champions, but, judged on their display against Sheffield Wednesday, the present holders of the title, Portsmouth are not a likely championship side. They had ground advantage, and they worked hard, but the Wednesday were undoubtedly their superiors.

Aston Villa were faster and cleverer than Sheffield United at Bramall Lane.

Goodall, Huddersfield Town's English International right-back, saved his side from a heavier defeat at Birmingham. Though Bradford was injured early in the second half and finished the game limping about on the right wing, the home side—for whom Bradford and Curtis scored—held the advantage throughout.

Chelsea led by 2—1 at the interval at Derby, but the County, aided by the mistakes of the Chelsea defence, which presented them with two goals, ran away with the game in the second half. Derby were the much more dangerous side at close quarters. Bowers scored four of Derby's six goals.

Middlesbrough were always the masters at Leicester. The City, who suffered their second home reverse of the season, gave a poor exhibition and never looked like winning.

David Halliday is making a difference to Manchester City. The ex-Arsenal and Sunderland centre-forward scored one of the two goals by which his side beat Newcastle at Manchester, and his leadership of the attack played no small part in the victory. McKenzie, of Newcastle, was ordered off the field by the referee during the second half.

A sound defence and the swift raids of Yews and Ruffell on the wings won West Ham their match at Blackpool.

SECOND DIVISION.

Dean is himself again. He scored four of Everton's six goals against Oldham Athletic at Goodison Park, and gave an exhibition of the form that used to make him England's automatic choice for the centre-forward position. Oldham gave a dashing exhibition, but Dean's opportunism beat them.

Wolverhampton Wanderers were a cleverer side than Charlton Athletic at The Valley. They kept the ball nearer the turf, and their attacks were less haphazard than those of the home club. McKay, the recruit from Sunderland, made his debut in Charlton's forward line; he opened up a number of promising movements, but Charlton's strong man was Langford at left-back.

Swansea Town's home victory over Preston North End was the reward of superior dash and determination. Preston played methodical football, but it lacked the "fire" the home side put into their efforts.

If Dickinson had not missed two easy chances in the first few minutes, Nottingham Forest might have at least evaded defeat at Bury.

Reading appear to be hopeless away from home. As they were beaten on Bradford City's ground they have now played the role of visitors nine times, and have been defeated on every occasion. They played well for the first half an hour, fell away suddenly, and Bradford City scored three goals in three minutes. Hallows, the former Grays Thurrock centre-forward, scored three of Bradford City's six goals.

A penalty, successfully taken by Dixon, won Barnsley their home match with Bradford. There was very little in it.

There was a lot of bad shooting by both sides at Bristol, where Bristol City shared the spoils with Stoke City.

Though Port Vale's forwards did too much short passing, a second-half goal by Jennings enabled them to beat Southampton at Hanley. Fraser, of Southampton, missed an open goal.

The sharpshooting of Robbins saved Cardiff City a point in their home match with Millwall. The visitors were the better side, but the three snap goals snatched by Robbins—one happened in the last minute—robbed them of their just reward.

Weakness in front of goal lost Tottenham Hotspur their match at Plymouth. The Argyle won although their goalkeeper was off injured for an hour.

THIRD DIVISION.

Notts County had a narrow escape from losing their unbeaten certificate. Early midfield superiority by Notts was nullified by Simpson scoring the only goal of the first half for the Palace, and soon after the re-start Turner headed a second for the visitors.

Then the County went great guns. Fenner scored, and four minutes from time Keetley equalised. Simpson missed an open goal for the Palace in the very last flicker of the game.

Dix, Bristol Rovers' much-sought-after forward, was so good at Norwich that his side won 3—1, and Brighton were also successful visitors, Carruthers scoring the only goal at Fulham late in the match.

With Brown, a back, taken to hospital with an injured shoulder, Bournemouth, with ten men for an hour of the game, were no match for Northampton. A long shot, almost unseen in the fog and semi-darkness, landed from Phillips' foot in the Luton goal—and thus Thames once again won a match.

RESULTS AND LEAGUE POSITIONS.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

*Arsenal	1	Grimsby Town	0
Birmingham	2	Huddersfield Town	0
Blackburn Rovers	4	Manchester United	1
Blackpool	1	West Ham Utd.	3
Derby County	6	Chelsea	2
Leeds United	3	Bolton Wan.	1
Leicester City	0	Middlesbrough	3
Manchester City	2	Newcastle Utd.	0
Portsmouth	2	Sheffield Wed.	4
Sheffield United	3	Aston Villa	4
Sunderland	6	Liverpool	5

*Abandoned after 18 minutes in second half.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Arsenal	17	12	4	1	52	26	28
Sheffield Wednes.	18	11	5	2	47	25	27
Derby County	18	9	6	3	46	31	24
Portsmouth	18	9	6	3	45	31	24
W. Ham Utd.	18	9	5	4	44	33	23
Aston Villa	18	9	5	4	50	38	23
Huddersfield Tn.	18	6	7	5	39	34	19
Liverpool	17	8	2	7	44	41	18
Manchester City	18	7	4	7	30	31	18
Middlesbrough	18	7	4	7	35	39	18
Leicester City	18	8	2	8	39	45	18
Blackburn Rovers	18	7	3	8	41	37	17
Birmingham	18	5	7	6	30	28	17
Sheffield United	18	5	7	6	33	35	17
Chelsea	18	7	3	8	29	34	17
Sunderland	18	5	6	7	39	46	16
Grimsby Town	17	6	1	10	30	29	13
Newcastle United	18	5	3	10	34	46	13
Bolton Wanders	17	5	3	9	23	35	13
Blackpool	18	4	5	9	31	52	13
Leeds United	18	5	2	11	36	42	12
Manchester Un.	18	1	2	15	23	62	4

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).

Bournemouth and B.	1	Northampton	3
Clapton Orient	3	Southend United	1
Coventry City	3	Exeter City	1
Fulham	0	Brighton and H. A.	1
Norwich City	1	Bristol Rovers	3
Notts County	2	Crystal Palace	2
Queen's Park R.	7	Newport County	1
Swindon Town	4	Torquay United	0
Thames	1	Luton Town	0
Walsall	2	Gillingham	2
Watford	1	Brentford	3

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Notts County	18	12	6	0	51	20	30
Northampton T.	17	10	5	2	28	11	25
Crystal Palace	17	9	4	4	50	33	22
Brentford	18	9	4	5	40	30	22
Brighton and H.A.	18	8	6	4	25	22	22
Southend Utd.	17	9	2	6	35	27	20
Swindon Town	18	9	2	7	38	33	20
Fulham	17	8	4	5	29	30	20
Torquay Utd.	18	8	2	8	40	43	18
Coventry City	17	7	3	7	36	30	17
Exeter City	18	6	5	7	32	36	17
Watford	17	7	2	8	33	29	16
Gillingham	17	5	6	6	30	24	16
Clapton Orient	17	6	4	7	30	30	16
Bournem'th & B.A.	17	6	4	7	31	34	16
Bristol Rovers	18	6	4	8	30	44	16
Q. Pk. Rangers	17	7	1	9	37	32	15
Luton Town	18	5	5	8	24	32	15
Walsall	17	4	3	10	34	47	11
Norwich City	17	3	4	10	19	34	10
Thames	17	4	2	11	18	43	10
Newport County	17	3	2	12	32	58	8

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

Airdrieonians	1	Celtic	2
Clyde	2	Aberdeen	5
Dundee	6	Leith Ath.	0
Falkirk	1	Hamilton Acads.	4
Hibernians	1	Glas. Rangers	2
G. Morton	2	Kilmarnock	2
Motherwell	3	Cowdenbeath	1
Partick Thistle	2	Hearts	1
Queen's Park	5	East Fife	1
St. Mirren	0	Ayr United	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Rangers	17	12	3	2	44	16	27
Celtic	16	11	4	1	49	20	26
Partick Thistle	17	12	1	4	44	21	25
Motherwell	17	10	5	2	45	26	25
Hamilton Acads.	19	10	3	6	33	20	23
Dundee	17	11	1	5	41	26	23
Hearts	18	10	2	6	42	29	22
Cowdenbeath	18	10	2	6	31	24	22
Aberdeen	19	9	1	9	39	32	19
Morton	17	8	2	7	36	41	18
Airdrieonians	18	8	2	8	28	37	18
Kilmarnock	18	7	2	9	30	31	16
St. Mirren	17	6	4	7	23	24	16
Falkirk	18	6	2	10	36	47	14
Queen's Park	17	5	3	9	31	36	13
Clyde	18	5	3	10	30	40	13
Leith Athletic	18	3	5	10	20	42	11
Hibernians	18	4	2	12	24	45	10
Ayr United	17	1	5	11	21	47	7
East Fife	18	1	2	15	23	66	4

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

EASTERN SECTION.

Folkestone	0	Peterboro' and F. U.	0

WESTERN SECTION.

Bristol R. Res.	1	Merthyr Town	4
Newport Co. Res.	0	Barry Town	2
Taunton	1	Swindon Res.	1

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

Barnsley	1	Bradford	0
Bradford City	6	Reading	1
Bristol City	1	Stoke City	1
Bury	1	Notts Forest	0
Cardiff City	4	Millwall	4
Charlton Ath.	1	Wolverhampton W.	2
Everton	6	Oldham Ath.	4
Plymouth Argyle	2	Tottenham Hotspur	0
Port Vale	1	Southampton	0
Swansea Town	2	Preston N.E.	1
West Brom. A.	2	Burnley	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Everton	18	13	3	2	55	25	29
West Brom. A.	18	11	3	4	39	21	25
Wolverha'pt'n W.	18	12	0	6	45	27	24
Preston N. E.	18	10	3	5	45	30	23
Burnley	18	9	5	4	42	35	23
Tottenham H.	18	10	2	6	47	24	22
Port Vale	18	10	2	6	37	29	22
Bury	18	10	1	7	41	32	21
Stoke City	18	8	4	6	29	30	20
Bradford	18	8	3	7	46	35	19
Southampton	18	7	5	6	24	22	19
Oldham Ath.	18	8	2	8	31	34	18
Swansea Tn.	18	6	5	7	26	33	17
Bristol City	18	6	3	9	22	39	15
Bradford City	18	6	2	10	27	37	14
Barnsley	17	5	4	8	16	29	14
Notts Forest	18	4	5	9	35	43	13
Millwall	18	6	1	11	36	45	13
Charlton Ath.	18	5	3	10	26	41	13
Cardiff City	19	4	4	11	29	41	12
Plymouth A.	18	4	3	11	23	36	11
Reading	18	4	1	13	21	54	9

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern.)

Darlington	2	Southport	3
Doncaster Rovers	6	Tranmere Rovers	0
Gateshead	4	Wrexham	3
Halifax	1	Accrington Stanley	1
Hartlepools Utd.	4	Rotherham Utd.	2
Hull City	1	Carlisle Utd.	1
Lincoln City	4	York City	1
Nelson	0	Barrow	3
New Brighton	2	Rochdale	1
Stockport County	2	Crewe Alex.	0
Wigan Borough	1	Chesterfield	5

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Lincoln City	17	12	2	3	39	18	26
Stockport C.	17	11	2	4	36	23	24
Tranmere R.	17	11	2	4	50	36	24
Chesterfield	17	10	3	4	39	25	23
Wrexham	17	9	4	4	44	25	22
Hull City	17	9	4	4	37	25	22
Carlisle Un.	17	10	1	6	41	25	21
Wigan Borough	16	10	1	5	32	28	21
Southport	17	8	2	7	30	28	18
Gateshead	17	6	5	6	25	27	17
Rotherham Un.	17	6	4	7	36	35	16
Halifax T.	17	6	4	7	24	31	16
Doncaster R.	17	6	3	8	34	27	15
Darlington	17	6	3	8	34	28	15
York City	17	7	1	9	32	36	15
Accrington S.	18	6	3	9	34	54	15
Rochdale	17	6	2	9	38	46	14
Crewe Alex.	17	6	0	11	27	43	12
Hartlepools U.	16	5	1	10	31	37	11
Barrow	18	4	3	11	20	43	11
New Brighton	17	3	3	11	15	37	9
Nelson	17	2	3	12	20	41	7

LONDON COMBINATION.

DIVISION I.

Brentford Res.	1	Swansea Res.	1
Brighton Res.	3	Portsmouth Res.	2
Chelsea Res.	1	Queen's Park R. Res.	1
Crystal Pal. Res.	4	Cardiff Res.	2
Luton Town Res.	3	Leicester Res.	0
Millwall Res.	0	Coventry Res.	0
Reading Res.	1	Arsenal Res.	1
Southampton Res.	0	Watford Res.	0
Southend Res.	2	Fulham Res.	1
*Tottenham H. Res.	6	Clapton O. Res.	1
West Ham Res.	6	Charlton Ath. Res.	1

Abandoned in second half.

DIVISION II

Guildford City	5	Norwich C. Res.	2
Lovells Ath.	1	Dartford	5
Northampton Res.	0	Bournemouth Res.	2
Yeovil and Petters U.	2	Aldershot	2

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Bradford Res.	5	Barnsley Res.	0
Chesterfield Res.	4	Scunthorpe Utd.	0
Denaby Utd.	2	Lincoln C. Res.	3
Gainsborough T.	4	Mexboro' Ath.	2
Grantham	4	Hull C. Res.	3
Grimsby T. Res	2	Loughborough	0
Mansfield T.	2	Newark T.	2
Rotherham Res.	3	Notts Co. Res.	3
Shirebrook	3	Bradford City Res.	4
Wombwell	0	Boston	1

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Aston Villa Res.	2	Bury Res.	3
*Bolton W. Res.	0	Everton Res.	2
Burnley Res.	1	Derby Co. Res.	1
Huddersfield T. Res.	4	Blackburn R. Res.	1
Liverpool Res.	1	Sheffield Utd. Res.	4
Manchester U. Res.	2	Stockport C. Res.	2
Oldham Ath. Res.	2	Birmingham Res.	2
Preston N.E. Res.	6	Manchester C. Res.	1
Stoke C. Res.	1	Leeds. Utd. Res.	0
Wolverhampton Res.	8	Blackpool Res.	3

Sheffield Wednesday Res. v. West Brom. Albion Res. postponed owing to fog

*Abandoned after 23 minutes in second half.

OXFORD'S FAST FORWARDS.

CORINTH DEFEATED AT HOME.

JONES SHOOTS WELL.

By C. R. C. NIXON.

CORINTHIANS 2, OXFORD UNIVERSITY 5.

Forwards who moved fast, kept position well, and shot hard and without hesitation, carried Oxford University with flying colours past the Corinth trial at the Crystal Palace yesterday. It was no excuse for the Corinthians that they were without such men as Creek, German, Chadder, and Ewer; the University were obliged to play three, if not four, reserves. And they had, moreover, to fight back in face of two early goals for the home team.

The match was won and lost because the Corinthians' halves and backs made too many mistakes. Ashton, whose versatility is amazing, was at right-back, and in the first half he was about the best man on the field. In the second—short time was played both ways owing to Oxford being delayed on the way to the ground—Ashton was frequently overcome by the swift raids of Benest and Ansell. Middleton, an emergency half for the Corinthians, failed to last, and it was not difficult to understand why Ashton found his hands too full.

Whewell and Barber both overdid the dribbling required of half-backs, and, when they were robbed, the Oxonians took full advantage of their opportunities. The Doggard-Hegan machinery did not run "as usual"; and Robins, although he invariably showed his quality, saw far too little of the ball.

Ricketts was an excellent goalkeeper for Oxford, Goulding a strong and virile back. Jones, who was well among the goals, can shoot, and he uses his shoulders well and fairly.

After a snappy Oxford opening, Robins ran down the right and landed the ball so well under the crossbar that Ricketts did well to touch over for a corner. Hegan used the kick to advantage, for Whewell's ground drive found a way through a forest of legs to open the scoring.

Another corner, this time to Robins, again led to the downfall of the Varsity goal. Robins was away in a flying raid, and to save the situation temporarily, Tidswell gave a corner. From the middle Phillips' head turned the ball past Ricketts, who was helpless.

Oxford's Great Recovery.

The spectators found a lot to admire in Claude Ashton's play at full back. Time and again he held up the Oxford attack. Ricketts was in action several times. Doggart gave him a rare shot to hold, chest high, and Hegan also went near with a hook shot, taken on the volley as the inevitable Robins centred. Oxford scored after half an hour. Benest smartly ran down and centred, and apparently Barber put the ball through his own goal.

Jones's equaliser for Oxford, which came on the stroke of half-time, was a beautiful shot. Jones used his shoulders to ward off both backs, and then shot over Baker's head into goal.

The Corinthians' goalkeeper made a fine save early in the second half, but it was not long before Ansell, with a long shot of undoubted quality, scored, to give Oxford the lead. The Corinthians attacked through Hegan and Doggart, but Waye made an exceedingly neat clearance.

Yemm and Haslewood, in a rapid raid, found the Corinthians' defenders at sea, and again Jones scored with a powerful shot, Baker being unsighted.

Ricketts pushed out for a corner a header from Phillips which seemed bound to score, but the Corinthians' forwards were too slow at close quarters. On the other hand, the Oxford forwards were very dangerous, and it was no surprise when Jones scored their fifth goal.

Teams:—

CORINTHIANS.—B. Howard Baker; C. T. Ashton and G. H. Abbott; C. Middleton, W. T. Whewell and A. T. Barber; R. W. V. Robins, P. G. T. Kingsley, A. H. Phillips, A. G. Doggart and K. E. Hegan.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—G. R. M. Ricketts; W. B. Goulding and A. J. W. Young; W. Waye, J. B. Morgan, and V. Pullen; E. W. Yemm, J. S. O. Haslewood, S. Jones, G. T. L Ansell, and H. V. Benest.

THE VARSITY MATCH.

OXFORD'S DOUBTFUL HALVES.

Neither Cambridge nor Oxford, who meet for the fifty-second time under Association rules at Chelsea next Thursday, have had a conspicuously successful season so far. It may be coincidence, but it was also certainly merit that both Varsities have beaten the Corinthians.

Cambridge won 4—3, but in some respects the game lost some value as a test, for the Corinthians were robbed of their goalkeeper through injury before the Cantabs established superiority.

Thursday's match is likely to be a struggle between the light-blue forwards and the Oxford defence. Most judges hold that the Dark Blues' rearguard is the sounder of the two, but that the Cambridge forwards are more dangerous attackers. An even game is almost a certainty.

Oxford's doubts, unfortunately, lie in their half-back line. Several changes are likely in the team as compared with the players who did duty yesterday. A. D. Garrow, W. H. Bradshaw, and J. L. T. Guise will form the half-line. All three have been nursing leg injuries. Guise was to have played against Corinth, but at the last moment it was considered advisable to rest him. G. H. Tidswell will partner his captain (W. B. Goulding) at back. The old Highgate boy has splendid stamina, and he has a good understanding with Goulding.

Kemp-Welch, the Cambridge centre-forward, is playing better than ever, while Webster, the inside-left, is a strong dribbler who can get the best out of Aitken. The latter has waited for his chance, and he may well be one of the successes of the match.

To date, Oxford have won twenty-three against their opponents' twenty-one. There have been seven draws—1-1 in the last two seasons—but the Cantabs have scored 86 goals to the Oxonians 81.

SANDHURST BEATEN.

A WINNING LEAD LOST.

R.M.C., Sandhurst, 2, R.M.A., Woolwich, 4.

In the annual inter-collegiate match at Sandhurst, Royal Military Academy (Woolwich) defeated Sandhurst Cadets by 4 goals to 2. The home side had a two goals lead and had the better of the play until towards the end. Woolwich started strongly and attacked resolutely, but the Sandhurst defence was in splendid form. Ennals brought off excellent saves. Sandhurst transferred play and made several attacks. Packard on one occasion missed an open goal. Even play followed. Sandhurst again asserted themselves, and after forty minutes' play Packard scored a fine goal. Woolwich retaliated and gave Ennals plenty to do, but he kept his charge intact, and at the interval Sandhurst maintained their one goal lead.

Sandhurst attacked hotly in the opening of the second half, and in the first minute Watson-Smith scored a nice goal from a pass by Atkinson. Then for a while the Woolwich defence had an anxious time, but Reid and his backs were in great form and were not again beaten. Sandhurst tried hard to increase their lead, but they were eventually forced back, and Thomson scored a apital goal for the Academy, who, encouraged by this success, never looked back. Geddes, accepting a centre from his right wing, equalised the scores, and immediately after the same player missed an open goal. Woolwich maintained their advantage and soon gained the upper hand. They pressed strongly, and despite great work by Ennals and Muir, Knapp, with a great shot, gave the Academy the lead, which they never looked like losing. Sandhurst made several raids, but they were well held. Woolwich returned to the attack, and compelled the College defence, which was now being sorely harassed to concede several corners. From one of these Anderson centred accurately, and two of the Sandhurst players rushed the ball past Ennals and so scored the fourth goal. As the game went, Woolwich quite deserved their victory. Teams:—

Royal Military College.—J. T. Ennals (King Edward Seventh Melton Mowbray); P. M. G. Anley (Lancing) and W. H. Jackson (Magdalen College School); J. H. Blyth (City of Norwich), K. Muir (Malvern), and D. M. Carter Campbell (Malvern); G. E. Morgan (Great Yarmouth G.S.), W. H. Summers (Hymers), J. J. Packard (Leiston Secondary), G. F. Watson-Smyth (Bradfield), and D. G. R. Atkinson (Bradfield).

Royal Military Academy.—D. W. Reid (Winchester); L. A. Mustafa (Cairo Military College) and W. H. D. Wakeley (Westminster); M. P. O. C. Tandy (Winchester), A. G. Hawkins (Charterhouse), and P. H. C. Atkins (Lancing); A. F. Anderson (Winchester), G. Thomson (Queen Victoria's School, Dunblane), J. G. Geddes (St Lawrence College), J. Knapp (Winchester), and C. G. Buttenshaw (Sherborne).

Amateur Football.

CLEVER CASUALS.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS WIN AT ILFORD.

Sharing six goals with DULWICH HAMLET at Champion Hill, the CASUALS accomplished one of the smartest performances of yesterday's Isthmian League programme. True, Hamlet were handicapped by having Solly, their goalkeeper, hurt after twenty minutes' play—he finished the game at outside-right, but the Casuals must be credited for an exhibition of good forceful football. Shearer, who scored two of their three goals, was very effective at centre-forward, and Jenkins—who scored the other—was a dangerous right-winger The half-backs, who fed their forwards cleverly, were one of the strongest departments of their team. Levy, Hugo, and Holland scored for the Hamlet.

The win of WYCOMBE WANDERERS over ILFORD, the F.A. Amateur Cup-holders, at Ilford, was another smart Isthmian performance. Ilford made the mistake of keeping the ball too close. Braisher and Brown scored for Wycombe without reply.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE.			
Leyton	4	Southall	2
Hampstead	0	Walthamstow Ave.	5
Wealdstone	5	Redhill	4
Bromley	6	Sutton Utd.	1
Cheshunt	1	Barnet	9
RESERVE SECTION.			
Southall	3	Leyton	2
Barnet	6	Cheshunt	1
Hayes	1	Hampstead	2
Redhill	4	Wealdstone	0
A.F.A. SENIOR CUP. REPLAYED TIE.			
Crouch End Vamp.	1	Alexandra Park	1
CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE. DIVISION I.			
London Tele. Service	4	Land Registry	2
DIVISION II.			
Colonial Office	4	Customs and Ex. II.	0
Ministry of H. B.	5	War Office II.	3
Brd. of Education II.	2	Dollis Hill	0
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.			
London Caledonians	2	Tufnell Park	1
(Abandoned owing to fog.)			
Dulwich Hamlet	3	Casuals	3
Kingstonian	4	St. Albans City	0
Leytonstone	2	Nunhead	5
Ilford	0	Wycombe Wanderers	2
Oxford City	1	Woking	1
KENT LEAGUE.			
Sittingbourne	2	Dover United	0
(Abandoned owing to fog.)			
R.N. Depot	0	Northfleet	6
Ashford	0	Sheppey	2
(Abandoned owing to fog.)			
Margate	2	Canterbury Waverley	0
Chatham	5	Grays Thurrock	4
Dartford	0	Tunbridge Wells	0
Gillingham	5	Folkestone	2
Maidstone	3	Royal Marines	4
Bexley Heath	3	Sittingbourne P.M.	2
LONDON SENIOR CUP.			
Lyons Club	2	Hayes	2
Clapton	3	Old Lyonians	1
Enfield	4	Hounslow	0
Foots Cray	2	Mitcham Wanderers	2
(Abandoned during extra time.)			
LONDON LEAGUE. PREMIER DIVISION			
Carshalton Ath.	0	Cray Wanderers	0
Finchley	0	Chelmsford	1
Grays Ath.	2	Bostall Heath	1
Romford	2	Erith and Belvedere	0
Walthamstow Grange	0	Tooting Town	2
SECOND DIVISION.			
Chelmsford	2	Leavesden M.H.	2
Erith and Belvedere	0	Brentwood M.H.	0
Park Royal	7	Hendon Town	1
U.G.B.M. Sports	3	Finchley	3
Mitcham Wanderers	2	Woolwich Poly.	6
Beckenham	5	Romford	0
MIDDLESEX A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.			
Thos. Cook and Son	2	Old Grocers	4
NEMEAN LEAGUE.			
Winchmore Hill III.	3	Catford Wandrs. III.	4
Old Isleworthians	4	London Scottish	1
OLD BOYS LEAGUE.			
Old Guildfordians	2	Old Grammarians	3
Old Roan	1	Old Bromleians	7
Old Stationers	1	Old Rutlishians	0
Old Streatham Mods.	2	Old Richmondonians	5
Old Suttonians Res.	0	Old Streatham Gram. Res.	2
Old Bromleians Res.	6	Old Tollingtonians Res.	2
Old Suttonians A	1	Old Stationers A	12
PUBLIC SCHOOLS MATCHES.			
Westminster Sch.	4	Old Westminsters	8
Highgate Sch.	2	Old Cholmeleians	9
Brentwood Sch.	5	Old Brentwoods	3
Aldenham Sch.	1	Old Aldenhamians	3
Alleyn's Sch.	1	St. Olave's Sch.	2
St. Edmund's Sch. (Canterbury)	2	Old Ardinians	2
Westminster Sch. II.	0	Old Westminsters A	5
SPARTAN LEAGUE. PREMIER DIVISION			
Maidenhead Utd.	4	Aylesbury Utd.	3
Haywards (Enfield)	8	Brentwood and W.	1
Slough	3	Colchester Town	1
Great Eastern	0	Crittall Ath.	3
Metropolitan Police	4	Wood Green Town	0
DIVISION I			
Leagrave and Dis.	1	Aspley	6
Letchworth Town	3	Berkhamsted Town	3
Leighton Utd.	6	Cowley	0
Waterlows (Duns'ble)	2	Hitchin Town	1
Watford Spartan	3	Staines Town	4
Windsor and Eton	10	Hertford Town	3
DIVISION II.—EASTERN SECTION.			
Hitchin Town Res.	3	Callenders Ath.	8
Hertford Town Res.	1	Welwyn Garden City	2
Hoddesdon Town	3	Waltham Comrades	1
Rovers	0	Letchw'th Town Res.	1
Lyons Club Res.	1	Polytechnic	7
DIVISION II.—WESTERN SECTION.			
Aylesbury Utd. Res.	0	Maidenhead U. Res.	3
Farnham Utd.	4	Chesham Utd. Res.	4
G.W.R.	3	Pinner	3
Hazell's (Aylesbury)	3	Slough Res.	2
Willesden Poly.	3	R.A.F. (Uxbridge)	11
SURREY SENIOR CUP.			
Whyteleafe Albion	4	Westminster Bank	0
Epsom Town	4	Camberley and Y.	1
West Norwood	7	Hersham	1
SURREY A.F.A. CUP.			
Blackheath Wandrs.	14	Fourth Queen's Ryl. Regt.	1
SURREY SENIOR LEAGUE.			
Dorking	6	Godalming	1
R.A.F. (Kenley)	0	Beddington Corner	3
Walton-on-Thames	7	Leyland Motors	4
SURREY CHARITY SHIELD.			
Wimbledon	5	Egham	0
SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.			
Aquarius	1	Merton	2
Winchmore Hill	3	Kew Association	1
Civil Service	2	Lloyds Bank	0
Catford Wanderers	10	Reigate Priory	1
Bank of England	2	Carshalton	4
Cambridge Town	6	Eastbourne	0
Norsemen	5	Old Parkonians	1
Lensbury	7	Britannic House	0
Carshalton Res.	4	Bk. of England Res.	1
Westminster Bk. Res.	1	Barclays Bank Res.	1
Hast. and St. Leonds.	3	Ipswich Town	0
Alleyn Old Boys	4	Highgate	2
Barclays Bank	0	Midland Bank	1
Lloyds Bank Res.	5	Civil Service Res.	1
Old Parkonians Res.	2	Norsemen Res.	3
East Grinstead	2	Toc H.	3
CLUB MATCHES.			
Corinthians	2	Oxford University	5
Barking Town	6	Northern Nomads	2
Univ. Coll. Hosp.	0	Old Colfeians	2
B.B.C.	5	Westminster Bk E	2
Norsemen A	6	Coutts Bank Res.	2
Ealing Assoc	3	Watford Amateurs	0
Casco II.	6	Ealing Assoc. Res.	0
Old Collegians	5	London Sch. of E.	0
Britannic House A	5	Highgate A	1
Uxbridge Town	0	London University	1
Tillings Ath.	1	Uxbridge Town Res.	5
Old Foresters	0	Old Ardinians	3

PUBLIC SCHOOLS "SOCCER."

Highgate 2, Old Cholmelians 9.

At Highgate the School held their own well in the first half, the score at the interval being 4—2 against them, but the defence went to pieces against superior weight in the second half. Goals were scored for the winners by R. N. Wilton (3), W. A. Boniface, W. B. Walton, and G. H. Adlard (2 each), and for the School by D. F. Bull and G. R. Royston.

Brentwood 5, Old Brentwoods 3.

The School, who played at a great pace, beat the Old Boys by 5 goals to 2. In the first half A. W. Witcomb, Bradley, and W. H. Darby scored for the School. After the interval Ely and Thurner reduced the lead, Bradley adding another for the School. Before the final whistle Southwell score again for the visitors, and Bradley put in his third goal for the School.

Westminster 4, Old Westminsters 8.

A heavy mist curtailed the play in this match at Vincent Square. The Old Boys secured a three-goal lead early in the first half, and the School never recovered from this set-back. J. G. Byrne reduced their arrears before half-time, and A. R. Marshall added another after J. D. Argyle had seen a good effort saved by A. Clare. Their remaining goals were scored by M. Broadhurst and I. K. Munro late in the second half. K. H. L. Cooper (3), K. J. Gardiner (2), I. W. A. Symington (2), and N. L. Foster scored for the Old Boys.

YESTERDAY'S ATTENDANCES.

The following are the attendance figures for the chief games in the League competition:—

Arsenal v. Grimsby	30,000
Portsmouth v. Sheffield Wednesday	30,000
Plymouth Argyle v. Tottenham Hotspur	25,000
Birmingham v. Huddersfield Town	20,000
Sunderland v. Liverpool	20,000
Sheffield United v. Aston Villa	18,000
Manchester City v. Newcastle United	18,000
Charlton Ath. v. Wolverhampton Wand's	15,000
Everton v. Oldham Athletic	15,000
Norwich City v. Bristol Rovers	12,000
West Bromwich Albion v. Burnley	12,000
Fulham v. Brighton and Hove	10,000
Bristol City v. Stoke City	10,000
Stockport County v. Crewe Alexandra	9,000
Hull City v. Carlisle United	6,000

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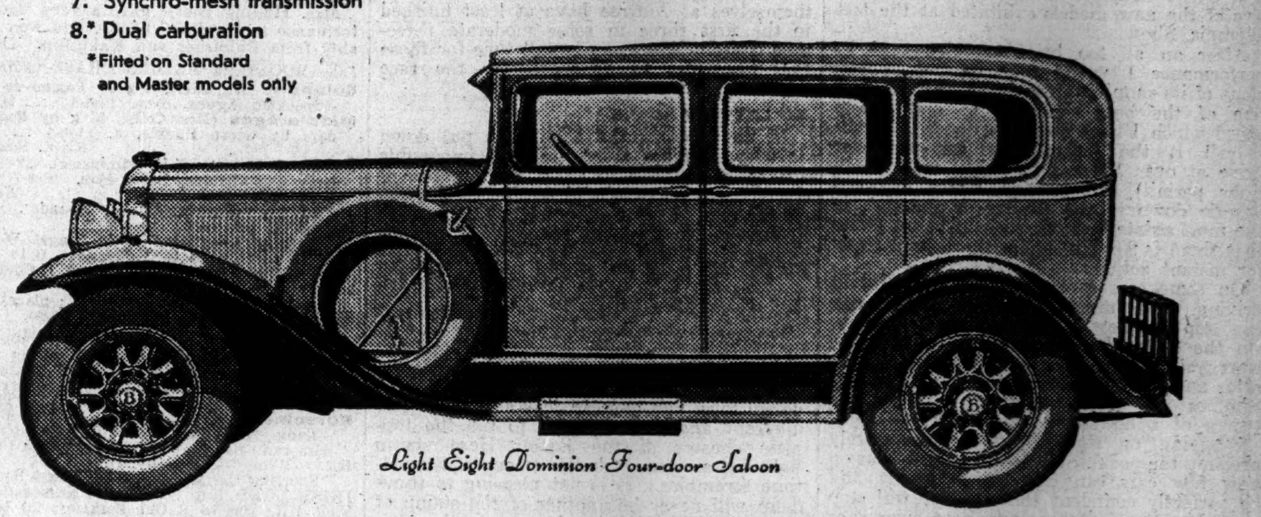

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CHRISTMAS FLAGONS

MOTOR MATTERS

CHANGED DRIVING CONDITIONS.

A CAR OF LUXURY SPEED.

By GEORGE C. STEAD.

This week-end will probably show the first real test of the changed motor driving conditions as a result of the coming into force of the first part of the Road Traffic Act. Some motorists during the past few days have been driving with excessive caution for fear that they were breaking regulations of which they knew nothing.

Actually, of course, the Act represents an attempt to secure the co-operation of road users, and it is not intended to handicap the motorist. If it causes the motorist to be more conscious of his driving manners the roads may be less dangerous this week-end. The motorist who is not a member of one of the big motoring organisations is handicapped when he wants to find out what he may or may not do. Club members find out the exact position with the minimum of trouble. On questions like driving off the road for parking, driving tests for disabled drivers, third party insurance, and other matters, he has only to apply to the R.A.C. or the A.A.

All the regulations under the Act have not yet been issued, and therefore it is impossible as yet to issue an easily understood booklet which will explain the whole matter. As soon as the full changes are known such publications will soon be available.

A "CARE"-LESS CAR.

At a time when many drivers are worrying about the new offence of careless driving, it is a joy to try a car in using which the minimum of care is necessary. This is the new 8-litre Bentley, one of the most impressive of the new models exhibited at the last Olympia Show.

After an all too brief experience of its performance I would sum up my impressions of its running by saying that it presents one of the best blendings of luxury and speed which I have ever experienced. Hence I call it the "care"-less car—one can drive at over 100 m.p.h. (when road conditions permit) and one on which one can dawdle down to the theatre or the club in the most sedate fashion, without being aware that there is 200 h.p. under the bonnet ready for instant action.

On some cars care is always necessary in driving. One must know how quickly one can stop and how swiftly one can get away. On the 8-litre Bentley there is no need to worry about such things. Push the accelerator and there is no doubt about the result. Similies are useless in this case, but the twang of a bowstring may serve.

Stopping or slowing up means merely pressing the pedal. Simple—is it not?—but on how few cars can one brake heavily and be perfectly confident that the car will stop as and where one wants, without swerve or uncertainty?

Steering, springing and comfort are up to the same high average. One of the Bentley's peculiar attractions is that, while it is never intrusive, one is always conscious of the latent power. It is a car of which Bentleys may well be proud.

CARS PER MILE.

An interesting classification of cars on the highways in America and in Great Britain was adopted by the delegates of the Industrial Transport Association, which recently visited the U.S.A. to report on transport. This takes the form of "cars per mile" of highway, excluding city streets. The American figure is 8.17 cars per mile, while in Great Britain the figure is 7.23. The difference is not so great as most people would imagine, although in America there is one motor vehicle to every 4.6 persons, in England one to every 30, in Wales one to every 36, in Scotland one to every 41, and in Northern Ireland one to every 51.

Over three and one-third million motor lorries were registered in the U.S.A. last year and over twenty-three millions passenger cars! The total amount of taxation raised from both classes, chiefly by petrol tax, was about £186,000,000. The fuel tax varied from 1d. to 3d. a gallon.

GLOBE CIRCLING IN 221 DAYS.

Last Tuesday I was one of the party who welcomed back to England two hardy pioneers who had succeeded in circling the globe in 221 days.

It was no specially constructed car which had given them this successful trip, but a standard Riley Nine, with slight modifications for its pioneering work. Additional fuel tanks were fitted, and larger road wheels with rear axle gearing to correspond. The coachwork was naturally of special design, as the adventurers had to sleep in the car on occasions; but when I saw the car at the finish there was little to differentiate it mechanically from the large number of successful "Nines" to be seen on the road to-day.

The car, with Mr. C. E. Shippam and Mr. J. B. Dixon on board, left the Riley works at Coventry on April 24. Their route lay from Liverpool to Quebec, and thence by road to Toronto, Detroit, Chicago, Omaha, and Salt Lake City to San Francisco. A divergence was here made to Vancouver and British Columbia, after which they returned to San Francisco, whence they shipped to New Zealand.

By road and sea they passed through Australia, Java, Singapore, and Penang to Ceylon, and thence to India. Leaving Bombay, they landed at Basra. After branching off at Baghdad to view Teheran, they went through Damascus to Beirut. After disembarking at Brindisi, they returned home through Italy, France, Austria, Hungary, Germany, and Belgium, until they reached England a few days over seven months of the date on which they left home.

The bare bones of a journey are not particularly interesting, but the fact that a British light car covered approximately 18,000 miles in this short period can be quickly grasped. There is no need for me to dilate on the excellence of the Riley's performance.

J.C.C. FIXTURES.

That speedy body, the Junior Car Club, announces two fixtures of particular interest. The first in point of time is the annual dinner and dance, which will be held at the Connaught Rooms, London, next Friday, when the racing prizes will be presented. Sir Arthur Stanley will be in the chair, as on so many happy previous occasions.

The second announcement is that their British Double Twelve Hour race will be held at Brooklands on May 8 and 9 next year.

Light lamps (London): 4.22 p.m. (Full Moon).

ANGLING.

RIVER, BROAD, AND SEA CATCHES.

Flood and fog have been a drawback to angling operations, but yesterday the Thames, Lea, Colne, Kennett, and other rivers were running in better order, and if the weather improves splendid sport is promised with pike, roach, perch, chub, and dace

A number of London clubs are holding competitions in the Thames and Lea for Christmas prizes to-day (Sunday). Some good baskets of roach have been made here and there in the Thames, and these fish have been had in the Colne, Kennet, Avon, and Lea.

The Arun, Ouse, and Rother (Sussex) are recovering from a big flood, and if eddies and slacks are available some good pike, roach, and dace should be met with.

Excellent roach fishing is promised under favourable water and weather conditions in the Bure, Waveney, Thurne, Ant, Stour (Suffolk), Great Ouse, and Little Ouse.

Pike anglers have been successful here and there on the Norfolk Broads, where fish up to 13½ lb. have been captured.

Anglers have made good mixed catches on the South and East Coasts. A 14 lb. cod has been taken at Dover.

RACING NOTES.

THE REFORMING SPIRIT AT WORK.

EFFECT OF GRAND NATIONAL CHANGES.

A NEW "TOTE" PLAN.

By "FAIRWAY."

In a short time the entries for the chief handicaps of the spring of next year will be known. Obviously those for the flat events must be interesting, but, like many others, I look forward to the nominations for the Grand National because of the changed conditions. It will indicate the pulse of the scores of folk possessed of a horse that has qualified (or could qualify) to contest the wonderful attraction at Aintree next March. It is an event that has no comparison with others of its kind, and in this lies its popularity, just as the Derby. Both have wonderful Turf history, which has built up scores of romantic stories. The Derby possesses, of course, the greater glamour. All the same, there are many who hold the chaser in greater esteem and think more of the riders that have conquered the Liverpool country than they do of a hero at Epsom.

In no way will it be a surprise if the new conditions of entry do not keep the number down, for beyond an additional expense of £15 to run and the raising of the bottom weights 7 lb., thus making the range only two stones, there does not appear to be any serious obstacle to keep out the venturesome owner who has nothing better than a plater to exploit. It seems that the other new condition imposed, that the candidate must have either got round the Aintree course or have been placed over three miles on another track, places a ban on very few, for all those that have not distinguished themselves at Aintree have at least finished in the first three in some moderate three-mile chase. And there is still time for those that have not to do so before the race "closes."

NO LOTTERY SCARE.

In no way can the change be put down to a sweepstakes scare, for it is impossible for these lotteries to affect the number of starters. The change is in fact delayed action on the part of the National Hunt Committee in agreeing to a scheme suggested at the time or just afterwards when two years ago sixty-six starters lined up. From that day, much thought has been given to the subject, and it is naturally a matter of more than slight interest how it will pan out. It may be that the limit of two stones between the top and bottom weights will keep the moderate stock away. There is no doubt it is a wonderful race, and one can look at it from two different angles, the desire to see the top-class chasers of the Easter Hero stamp fight out a clear-cut battle or one of the old-time scrambles. It is not pleasing to think there will never be another of the stamp of Tipperary Tim to bring honour to the plating class and fame to a small stable, but at the same time the point cannot be lost sight of that too many of his class merely reduced the race to a farce, even if it did entertain the world.

THE BLOODSTOCK SALES.

Quite a number found their way to the Newmarket Bloodstock Sales, which, by the way, exceeded expectations. The grand total did not equal last year's figures by a matter of about £80,000, but in the circumstances, as there were no less than 180 more lots disposed of, the total for last week's sales, which amounted to 238,561 guineas in a season that has not been productive of much competition among buyers, is not at all bad. The healthiest note was the demand for high-class brood mares. There were plenty of buyers for this stock, and this we must regard as a good sign and a satisfactory answer to the pessimists who have expressed fear of the decline in bloodstock values.

Top price on the final day was 3,000 guineas, which was paid for Mr. Bruton's mare Rock Forrard by Professor B. Reynolds, who bid on behalf of Lord Woolavington. Earlier in the week Lord d'Abernon's five mares made no less than 9,290 guineas, top price being paid for Donnina, who is by Grand Parade out of Donnetta. She is, therefore, a half-sister to Diadem. Mr. J. Bell bought Donnina for Sir Malcolm McAlpine at 6,100 guineas. One of Sir William Cooke's mares made 5,000 guineas. This was Tormentilla, who was bought on behalf of Lord Woolavington. The sale of fourteen lots from the Stanley House stable realised 10,370 guineas. Norland was secured by the Hon. George Lambton for 1,600 guineas. Both the two-year-olds Pot-Pourri and Greenland sold well. The former made 1,850 guineas, and the other 1,700 guineas. Lord Woolavington was able to secure Bella Minna, believed to be in foal to Hurry On, at 6,000 guineas. As a yearling she made 710 guineas. Of the lots that did not sell, Athford was perhaps the most interesting. He was run up to 6,200 guineas before being led out. The mare Tetrabazzia was withdrawn at 4,800 guineas, and as no more than 2,300 guineas was bid for the Tetrarch mare, Tetralogy, she also was passed out. Mrs. Drummond sold all her horses in training except Lady Maderty, who was passed out at 2,700 guineas. The filly Trochee made 1,900 guineas, and was purchased by Major Sneyd.

THE FUTURE OF THE "TOTE."

Lord D'Abernon made some interesting observations at a meeting of the Bloodstock Breeders' Association at Newmarket, and spoke in quite an optimistic manner of the "Tote's" progress, a subject he has given much thought to. He mentioned in this connection that the off-the-course betting was vast, and that the turnover of three millions, which has passed through the machine this year, is only 2 per cent. of the whole of the money which passes in the country in betting every year. And if, as we are given to understand, the sum of £250,000 which has gone into the coffers of the Control Board in the last eleven months has been enough to pay expenses and a little towards interest on the capital expended, we are entitled to think that the chairman, Sir Clement Hindley, is right in taking a most optimistic view regarding his undertaking. We are in an age of Turf reforms, and in order to make the Totalisator a complete success, we can be sure that any change that does not interfere too much with the sport is certain to be given favourable consideration by the Stewards of the Jockey Club. I am in a position to state officially that very soon we shall hear of a scheme that will harness the enormous flow of betting money that at present the bookmakers have through their hands. I may add that the scheme will spring a surprise, not only because of its vastness, but the assistance it is likely to render the "Tote."

The programmes staged this week are more or less unpretentious, beginning at Nottingham and winding up at Lingfield Park.

I append a few fancies:—

NOTTINGHAM.—Monday.

Bentinck Handicap Hurdle.—FORBRA.

Mapperley Handicap Steeplechase.—WISE DON.

NOTTINGHAM.—Tuesday.

Midland Handicap Steeplechase.—BONAR BRIDGE.

Welbeck Handicap Hurdle.—WHITE MOUNTAIN.

WORCESTER.—Wednesday.

Three Mile Handicap Hurdle.—FAIR PAULINE.

Stoke Steeplechase.—TEME SALMON.

WORCESTER.—Thursday.

Broadwood Handicap Steeplechase.—ASPIRANT.

Lane End Handicap Hurdle.—ORBRIL.

LINGFIELD PARK.—Friday.

Cobham (S.) Hurdle.—TETRAGEM.

Crowhurst Hurdle.—PERSIAN SUN.

LINGFIELD.—Saturday.

Ashdown Hurdle.—IRISH PEACH.

Winter Handicap Hurdle.—RESIDUE.

Yesterday's Racing.

GIB'S GREAT WIN

BRILLIANT DISPLAY WITH TOP WEIGHT.

STOTT INJURED.

FROM OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.

SANDOWN PARK, Saturday.

A fine display was given by the famous fencer Gib here to-day. In the Sandown Handicap Chase, a race run over more than three and a-half miles, Gib had 12 st. 7 lb. to carry and had to concede no less than 2 st. to the greatly fancied Ballasport. Despite the severity of his task Gib made every yard of the running, and though obviously tired, ran on with wonderful courage up the finishing hill to beat Ballasport by a short head. Gib, being a slightly better favourite than the second, his victory was a tremendously popular one. All the six runners got round, and Don Sancho finished third.

Stott, who was to have ridden Ballyhanwood, was unable to do so because of the effects of a fall he had on Meander in the Bookham Chase. Meander might have won this race had he not fallen three fences from home. His mishap made a present of it to Solanum. There was an objection for bumping to Irish Lord after he had won the Oxshott Selling Hurdle, but this was overruled.

Boomlet, in spite of his years, appears to have retained his speed, for he followed up a recent promising performance against The Wheedler by winning the December Handicap Hurdle, which was run over a stayers' course. Last winter he won the Welsh Grand National. Having by to-day's smart victory over Kilreckle and Two Royals forced himself near the top of future hurdle handicaps, it is quite likely that he will be put back to chasing next time out. Capt. Sassoon came near to winning on Kilreckle. Two Royals, ridden by Mr. Whitfield, also approached the last flight of hurdles with a fighting chance, but D. Williams came with a strong run on landing on the flat, drew ahead, and won by a length from Capt. Sassoon's gelding.

Mrs. Hollins' Blaris gave a very smooth performance in the Pond Chase, and won comfortably from Phibisher and Kakushin. Details:—

1.0.—BOOKHAM MAIDEN CHASE (£200) (2m.).

Solanum (Mr. Carr), b g by Pomme-de-Terre—Speckled Agnes, 5yrs, 11st-1 ......(Lyall) 1

Middle Ages (Mrs. Colls), bl g by Pageant, dam by Green Hackle, a, 11st-4 ... (Capt. Sassoon) 2

Zorro Gris (D. of Westminster), gr g by Grey Fox—Brique Rose, 4yrs, 10st-7 (Keogh) 3

Also ran: Worker, Cheka, Meander. (Winner trained by Briscoe.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—7 to 4 agst Worker, 11 to 4 SOLANUM, 3 to 1 Meander, 6 to 1 Middle Ages, 20 to 1 Zorro Gris, 33 to 1 Cheka. 10l., head.

Tote (2s. stake).—Win, 10s. 6d.; places, 5s. 3d., 5s.; win pool, 5,136; place pool, 2,134.

1.30.—OXSHOTT (S.) HURDLE (£150) (2m.).

Irish Lord (Mr. Wootton), b g by Irish Battle—Lady M.C., 5yrs, 12st-3 (McGonigal) 1

Cathalan (Mr. Mott), b g by Sir Berkeley—Princessa, 7yrs, 11st-12 ....(Thrale) 2

Nursemaid (Mr. Langlands), b m by Etheric—Lady Peasemore, 5yrs, 11st-9 ...(Owner) 3

Also ran: Sonny, Old Berkeley, Arch Court, Well Hit. (Winner trained by Owner.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—5 to 4 agst Sonny, 9 to 2 IRISH LORD, 5 to 1 Cathalan, Nursemaid, 10 to 1 Well Hit, 100 to 8 Old Berkeley, 20 to 1 Arch Court. 2l., 3l.

Tote.—Win, 13s. 9d.; places, 7s. 3d., 6s. 9d.; win pool, 7,435; place pool, 3,736.

Objection to winner for bumping was overruled.

2.0.—SANDOWN CHASE (£400) (3m. 5f.).

Gib (Mr. Davis) b or br g by Jabberwock—Bettyville, 7yrs., 12st-7 ....(Speck) 1

Ballasport (Sir H. Wernher), b g by Drinmore, dam by Druce, 6yrs, 10st-7 (Williams) 2

Don Sancho (Mr. Smith), ch g by Succoth—Woodbine, 10yrs, 12st-4 ....(Keogh) 3

Also ran: Great Span, Tamasha, Ballyhanwood. (Winner trained by Woodland.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—13 to 8 agst GIB, 7 to 4 Ballasport, 7 to 1 Don Sancho, Tamasha, 100 to 7 Ballyhanwood, 20 to 1 Great Span. Short head, 10l.

Tote.—Win, 5s. 9d.; places, 2s. 6d., 2s. 9d.; win pool, 6,828; place pool, 2,328.

2.35.—DECEMBER HURDLE (£150) (2m. 5½f.).

Boomlet (Mr. Large), ch g by Littleton—Boom, 10yrs., 11st-7 ....(Williams) 1

Kilreckle (Capt. Sassoon), b g by Zria—Loveless, 9yrs, 11st-11 ....(Owner) 2

Two Royals (Mr. Martin Smith), ch g by Royal Hackle II.—Queen of the Grebes, 7yrs, 11st-4 ....(Mr. Whitfield) 3

Also ran: Big Black Boy, The Wolf, Ponorogo, Bachelor's Runner, Sorcier. (Winner trained by I Anthony.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—9 to 4 agst BOOMLET, 3 to 1 The Wolf, 4 to 1 Big Black Boy, 5 to 1 Two Royals, 10 to 1 Kilreckle, 100 to 6 others, 1l., short head.

Tote.—Win, 8s.; places, 3s., 5s., 3s. 3d.; win pool, 7,623; place pool, 5,842.

3.5.—POND H'CAP CHASE (£200) (2½m.).

Blaris (Mrs. Hollins), b g by Achtoi—Oppliger, 9yrs, 12st-6 ....(Lyall) 1

Phibisher (Col. Hill-Dillon), b g by Prospector—Lusitania, 9yrs, 10st-6 ....(Speck) 2

Kakushin (Mr. Singer), ch g by Friar Marcus—Osaka, 7yrs, 12st-7 ....(Cullinan) 3

Also ran: Bayview, Slater, Phaeton, Slieve Grien, The Black Fellow, Doubtful Lady, Favourite Star, Mountoi. (Winner trained by Payne.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—13 to 8 agst BLARIS, 9 to 2 Favourite Star, 6 to 1 Kakushin, 7 to 1 Phibisher, 8 to 1 Phaeton, 100 to 7 others. 6l., 4l.

Tote.—Win, 6s. 3d.; places, 3s., 5s. 3d., 3s. 6d.; win pool, 6,908; place pool, 8,903.

3.35.—MILBURN M'DEN HURDLE (£150) (2m.).

Knight of Knockeevan (Mr. McAlpine), br g by Knight of Gilcash—Knockeevan, 4yrs, 11st ....(Ingham) 1

Nestorian (Mrs. Wallace), b g by Archaic—Placentia, 5yrs, 11st-3 ....(Speck) 2

Carbineer (Ld. Glanely), ch g by Swynford—Captured, 5yrs, 11st-3 ....(Morgan) 3

Also ran: Mount Hawke, Claudine, Silvoro, Sling Along, En Garde, Rattlin the Reefer. (Winner trained by Poole.)

"Sporting Chronicle."—2 to 1 agst KNIGHT OF KNOCKEEVAN, 9 to 4 Nestorian, 5 to 1 Rattlin the Reefer, 7 to 1 En Garde, 20 to 1 others, 4l., 3l.

Tote.—Win, 6s. 9d.; places, 3s., 3s., 10s.; win pool, 7,342; place pool, 5,071.

Total Investments.—Win, £4,326 14s.; places, £2,581 2s.

TOTALISATOR DAILY DOUBLE.

Gib and Boomlet. Dividend, £3 1s.; pool, £1,210. 352 winning tickets.

HAYDOCK PARK.

1.0.—CLUB CHASE (£120) (2m.).—**Southern Gunn** (13 to 8 agst, Fawcett), **1**; Reckless Gal (100 to 8, Regan), 2; Dunin (7 to 1, Powell), 3. 9 ran. (Winner trained by Hurt). 4l., head.

Tote (2s. stake).—Win, 4s. 9d.; places, 3s. 3d., 11s. 6d., 3s. 6d.; win pool, 2,728; place pool, 2,380.

1.30.—JUVENILE (S.) HURDLE (£120) (3-Y.-O.) (1½m.).—**Benzol** (7 to 4 agst, Piggott), **1**; Apron Lad (100 to 6, Cooper), 2; Missing Ring (3 to 1, Parvin), 3. 9 ran. (Winner trained by Adams.) 8l., 5l.

Tote.—Win, 5s. 6d.; places, 2s. 9d., 10s. 3d., 3s.; win pool, 2,364; place pool, 2,962.

2.0.—HAYDOCK PARK H'CAP CHASE (£150) (2m.).—**Oxclose** (4 to 1 agst, Mason), **1**; Crockanoir (7 to 4, Parvin), 2; Killadoon (4 to 1, Hamilton), 3. 6 ran. (Winner trained by Renton). 8l., bad.

Tote.—Win, 10s.; places, 5s. 6d., 3s. 6d.; win pool, 3,103; place pool, 1,582.

2.30.—SATURDAY (S) H'CAP HURDLE (£120) (2m.).—**Prickly Heat** (4 to 1 agst., Brown), 1; May Come (100 to 6, Mason), 2; Royal Return (7 to 2, Kelly), 3. 17 ran. (Winner trained by Powell.) 2l., 3l.

Tote.—Win, 17s. 9d.; places, 5s., 7s. 3d., 4s.; win pool, 4,893; place pool, 3,488.

3.0.—NEWTON H'CAP. HDLE. (£120) (2m.).—**Prince Lomond** (10 to 1 agst. Townsend), **1**; Rochester Row (25 to 1, Cooper), 2; Parting Shot (9 to 2, Hamey), 3. 12 ran. (Winner trained by McGuigan.) 2l., 1½l.

Tote.—Win, 19s. 9d.; places, 5s., 13s. 6d., 4s. 6d.; win pool, 4,575; place pool, 3,161.

3.30.—ST. HELENS H'CAP. CHASE (£120) (3m.).—**Best Home** (3 to 1 agst, Ward), **1**; Gold Flare (100 to 6, Hamey), 2. 4 ran. (Winner trained by Wint.) Head, only two finished.

Tote.—Win, 11s. 9d.; pool, 4,012.

Total Investments.—Win, £2,167 10s.; places, £1,357 6s.

TOTALISATOR DAILY DOUBLE.

Oxclose and Prickly Heat. Dividend, £22 16s.; pool, £812. 32 winning tickets.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Trent Selling Hurdle, Nottingham: Royal Return. Year's End Steeplechase, Lingfield: Easy Virtue. All engagements in Mr. H. C. Sutton's name: Craig Leith. All engagements: Cube Root (dead), Green Curtain (dead).

HASTINGS CHESS CONGRESS.

The annual Christmas congress of the Hastings and St. Leonards Chess Club will be held at the Waverley Hotel, Hastings, from December 29 to January 7. The programme comprises six tournaments, for different classes of players. In the principal competition the players will be: J. R. Capablanca, E. Colle (Belgium), Dr. M. Euwe (Holland), Miss Vera Menchik, R. P. Michell, Mir Sultan Khan, Sir G A. Thomas, Bt. T. H. Tylor, W. Winter, and F. D. Yates. And for the second fixture the ten selected players are: G. H. O'D. Alexander, A. Barats (Paris), R. T Broadbent, S. Flohr (Prague), L. Illingworth, E. M. Jackson, G. Koltanowski (Belgium), D. Noteboom (Holland), H. E. Price, and L. Rellstab (Berlin).

CRICKET.

M.C.C. BATTING FAILURES AGAINST RHODESIA.

WYATT TO THE RESCUE.

BULAWAYO, Saturday.

Influenza, injuries, and the change in the altitude provided Percy Chapman, the English captain, with a hard problem for the M.C.C.'s first official match against Rhodesia here today, and it was only with difficulty that he got a team together. Several players were included in spite of indisposition, probably caused by the fact that Bulawayo is about 1,000 ft. lower than Johannesburg, where they last played.

Goddard (influenza), Duckworth (influenza), Sandham (bruised legs), and Hendren (feverish cold) had to stand down, the side being: A. P. F Chapman, J. C. White, M. J. C. Allom, I. A R. Peebles, M. J. Turnbull, R. E. S. Wyatt, Hammond, Leyland, Tate, Voce, and Farrimond.

Speight, the Rhodesia captain, won the toss and sent the Englishmen in on the matting wicket. The weather was very hot when Wyatt and White began the innings, but in spite of this and keen fielding by the youthful Rhodesians they scored quickly. Wyatt's powerful drives gave the fieldsmen plenty of work to do, while White showed fine judgment in picking out the right ball to punish, and at lunch-time 68 runs had been scored without loss in an hour.

The weather was overcast and thundery when the game was resumed. White only added 1 and then stepped in front of a straight one from Tomlinson. Although the bowling was very steady, the bowlers could not get a spin on the ball, and did not receive any help from a lifeless pitch.

Wyatt completed a sound 50 after batting sixty-nine minutes, but soon afterwards Hammond, who was unwell, was stumped, the second wicket falling at 92. With Leyland in the 100 was reached after eighty-four minutes, but 1 run later the Yorks left-hander was run out. Wyatt played a ball between the wickets and ran, but Tomlinson, the bowler, snatched it up and threw to Boast, who broke the wicket. Turnbull, after scoring 8, was out leg-before to Crisp, with the total 116.

With Wyatt and Chapman together a better state of affairs prevailed, and after their departure Peebles, Tate, and Voce all batted freely. Wyatt was seen at his best in scoring 78, his driving and hitting to leg being very fine. The innings closed for 278. Six bowlers were tried, Tomlinson being the most successful with six wickets at a cost of 106 runs.

Chapman opened in fine style, hitting 28 in a little more than twenty minutes. He ultimately scored 48, his hits including one to square-leg for 6 off Tomlinson and five 4's. He should have been caught by the wicket-keeper in the over following his hit for 6. Wyatt batted two and a-half hours for his 78, which included nine 4's.

When Rhodesia went in to bat they lost Tomlinson leg-before to Tate's second ball, and before a run had been scored. Bad light brought the day's play to a premature conclusion, so they finished 278 behind with nine wickets in hand. Score:—

M.C.C.—First Innings.

R. E. S. Wyatt, c Boast, b O'Reilly	78
J. C. White, lbw, b Tomlinson	22
Hammond, st Boast, b Tomlinson	7
Leyland, run out	1
M. J. Turnbull, lbw, b Crisp	8
A. P. F. Chapman, c Napier, b O'Reilly	48
Farrimond, c Tomlinson, b O'Reilly	7
I. A. R. Peebles, c Moll, b Tomlinson	28
Tate, c Speight, b Tomlinson	28
Voce, h.w., b Tomlinson	28
M. J. C. Allom, not out	5
Extras	18
Total	278

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

M.C.C.: First Innings.—Moll 0 for 48; Crisp 1 for 39; O'Reilly 3 for 49; Tomlinson 6 for 106; Napier 0 for 9; Hyde 0 for 9.—Reuter's Special Service.

WEST INDIES OUTPLAYED.

FINE LAST WICKET PARTNERSHIP.

ADELAIDE, Saturday.

South Australia gained a lead of 159 on the first innings in their match with the West Indies here to-day, taking their overnight score of 117 for four to 330. Lee and Grimmett, who scored 55 and 50 respectively, added 97 for the fifth wicket, while Wall (53 not out) and Walker (45) put on 93 for the last wicket. Griffith took three for 75, Martin, two for 60, and Constantine two for 86.

The West Indians again found themselves struggling for runs against accurate bowling by Grimmett and Waite, and still need 37 to avoid an innings defeat. At the close of play they were 122 for seven, Grimmett having taken four and Waite three wickets.

Roach, who made 64 in the first innings, and Birkett put on 51 for the first wicket, but at that total both were dismissed by Grimmett. Headley left at 79, Grant, the old Cambridge Blue, at 82, Martin at 101, Hunte at 105, and Sealy at 122. Bartlett is still not out with 22.

WEST INDIES.—First Innings: 171.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—First Innings: H. C. Nitschke, b Francis, 22; G. W. Harris, run out, 21; D. Pritchard, run out, 5; V. Y. Richardson, lbw, b Constantine, 2; P. K. Lee, c Hunte, b Constantine, 55; C. V. Grimmett, lbw, b Martin, 50; A. R. Lonergan, c Roach, b Martin, 19; M. G. Waite, c Roach, b Griffith, 39; T. Carlton, c Grant, b Griffith, 11; C. W. Walker, c Grant, b Griffith, 45; T. Wall, not out, 53; extras, 8; total, 330.

WEST INDIES.—Second Innings: C. A. Roach, c Wall, b Grimmett, 23; L. S. Birkett, st Walker, b Grimmett, 26; G. Headley, c and b Waite, 16; C. Grant, c and b Grimmett, 1; F. R. Martin, lbw, b Waite, 22; E R. Hunte, c Nitschke, b Waite, 2; J. E. D. Sealy, c Richardson, b Grimmett, 6; E. L. Bartlett, not out, 22; extras, 4; total (for 7), 122. To bat: L. N. Constantine, H. C. Griffith, and G. Francis.

CENTURY IN AUSTRALIA.

MAILEY IN FORM WITH THE BALL.

SYDNEY, Saturday.

A. Marks, the New South Wales Sheffield Shield player, scored a brilliant 98 for his club here to-day. A. A. Mailey was also in form, taking four wickets for 41. J. Fingleton, a promising batsman, who may be tried in the Shield team this season, scored 129.—Reuter's Special Service.

COUNTY GROUND FOR GLOUCESTER.

Speaking at a dinner of the Bristol and District Umpires' Association, Mr. W. T. Pearce said that there were rumours about Gloucestershire having a ground of their own.

"Those rumours," he said, "were well founded, but when and if they required a ground of their own it would be a great tax on them. If they took the ground, their expenses would go up substantially, and when people thought of a ground for Gloucestershire they thought of a nursery. No professionals in England," he continued, "were treated more generously than those of Gloucestershire, and no county had better professionals."

Mr. Pearce mentioned that with the grant received as share of the Australian Test Match receipts, Gloucestershire would have a balance of £1,500. Without that grant, the club balance would only amount to between £300 and £400.

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